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(Picture taken from the south porch of the Jackson Home looking at the north side of the knob about one and one-half miles distant.)

VERSAILLES

The history of Versailles parallels that of five other communities and towns of the same name in the nation. Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania each has a Versailles, six in all, pronounced Ver sāls. All except Versailles, Tennessee, retained post offices, enhancing growth. Versailles was the nucleus of the area of the old Tenth District of Rutherford County. Prior to the County or District, Versailles was the nucleus of a much larger area with no established boundary, being a small part of the western territory of the state of North Carolina as was all of now Tennessee. Viewed from the height of a modern day jet

liner the area will appear as a mere speck in the exploration and development of the sixteenth state, but the activities, the problems, the opportunities along with the character and nature of its people are comparable to and rate second to none.

The Tenth District included the area adjoining the Eighth District in the extreme southwestern part of Rutherford County, extended far enough north to include Sheads Mill, presently Farris sawmill area, but not far enough north to include what was known as the Cedar Lands; thence east to a straight north-south line to include the Pinnacle Knot to the Link Road and made three jig jags west then south to the Bedford County line, the southern boundary. The Tenth Civil District was established in 1840 and merged with and became the Eighth District in 1972. Presently the original Eighth and Tenth areas make the Eighth District, the extreme southwestern part of the county. The nucleus of the old Tenth District area is presently shared between Versailles and Rockvale. Rockvale came into being after 1870.

The Versailles store, heart of the community, is located within one mile northwest of the actual beginning or head of the Harpeth River Valley and a few hundred yards south of the Harpeth River Valley Creek, which further on becomes Harpeth River with the help of another major water source known as the head of the Harpeth. The creek was the boundary line between Rutherford and Williamson Counties until the Tenth District formed. Thus Versailles was in Williamson County until about 1840. The entire length of the Harpeth River Valley Creek may be followed until it becomes Harpeth River and leaves the county. It is also shown on the 1870-78 map. Prior to the Tenth District all this area from the West Fork of Stones River west was the Second or Western District of the county. Versailles shared the nucleus of this area with Eagleville and Middleton, now Midland.

The Old Columbia Trace, Trail or Road, came through Versailles from the very beginning of travel from the Nashville-Old Jefferson areas to Columbia which was an outlet and inlet to and from the Gulf Coast for explorers and traders. Most county seats in Middle Tennessee, north of Columbia also had a Columbia Road, Shelbyville for example. Abstract deeds to land in the Versailles area bear this out. One such is the deed to the land where Graham Gordon now lives.

French explorers from the north, some from Canada, as early as 1710 began coming into the area as well as the

entire middle Tennessee territory. For years before, this was Indian territory with the Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, and Shawnee Indians using it as hunting grounds. The area later to become Versailles, began as a trading post for the Indians with the French. No Indian town site as such existed in the Versailles area. These were along the Tennessee River and to the east, south and west. The Indians referred to the area as Hunting Grounds. The Indians came into the area during the hunting season, spring and summer, disposed of their kill at trading posts like Versailles and returned to larger villages outside circling the area. Artifacts bear this out. Spear points, burial grounds, forts and tables are found in the Versailles area and have been referred to as such from generation to generation. In 1805 the treaties of Tellico and Dearborn destroyed all rights of the Indians to the land that is now Middle Tennessee. Prior to these treaties the area around the West Fork of the Stones River, the Duck and Harpeth Rivers was Indian territories. This included Versailles area. Although there had been many settlers to come south, the signing of the treaties caused a rush of homeseekers to come over the divide, settling in the West Fork of the Stones, Duck and Harpeth Rivers.

The signing of these treaties extended the county boundary to the Alabama line. In just a few short months settlers had reached the Alabama line. Rough terrain, lack of roads and communications made governing the new area impossible from Jefferson, then the county seat. This made Versailles very important for communications, drop point, trading, and a social gathering center.

In 1807 Bedford County was formed from Rutherford using the ridge that divides the waters of the Duck River from those of the Cumberland, then westerly to the southeast corner of Williamson County, as per "Indian Treaties and Land Laws of Tennessee", 1800-1810.

Some of the Indians on the horrible Trail of Tears wandered aside into the Versailles area in 1837, hid and went no further. A few returned via this area. Much later one old Indian returned to the area on a visit. Residents have handed this fact down from one generation to the next.

The Trading Post at the Head of Harpeth Valley continued as such until after the Revolutionary War and until about the time of the aborted birth of the State of Franklin. During this period of approximately 80 to 90 years the area was under contest for possession by the French. The French purpose, in addition to trade was territory possession. Indians and French became friendly toward one another

and hostile toward the English east of the Appalachian Mountains. The English had possession of the territory east of the Mountains and became progressively more intense in their efforts against the Indians and French for the territory west of the mountains. The French and Indians contested the English for the western territory about the same time that France and England were at war in Europe. Following this war the French began to support the English in this country as they began to flow over the mountains westward into territories like Tennessee. The French appeared to foresee the Revolutionary War coming on between the English colonies and the British Government. Thus in a complete reversal, France lent its support against Britain to the English colonies in the new world. King Louis of France and Lafayette were prominent in this support. The French were very popular with the colonies as a result of their assistance during the war of Independence. Invitations to French leaders to visit the new country became the order of the day. Thus King Louis, still interested in territory further west, came into New Orleans and traveled incognito through the territory west of the mountains. He traveled as the Duke of Orleans through what is now Louisiana, Mississipp, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania and perhaps others. His popularity zoomed with the settlers and through their enthusiasm, an admiration for the French, the six communities known as trading posts or some local landmark such as a spring or creek changed their designations to Versailles (Ver si) French pronounciation, in honor of King Louis' hometown of Versailles, France, about the time Tennessee became a state in 1796. This popularity was not one-sided. After returning home and as King of France, he often mentioned his visit to Tennessee in his correspondence. In a letter to Andrew Jackson, kiddingly asked if Tennesseans still slept three to a bed and carried whiskey in a tin around their necks, reference to his sharing a bed with two others at overcrowded lodge during his visit in the area.

Also about this time immigrants were pouring over the mountains into east and middle Tennessee, from which came a few permanent English settlers to the Versailles area, principally for land and land grants and the excitement and speculation of living in the new independent country, the United States of America. Lafayette of France later made a visit to Versailles, Kentucky and was extremely well received, but not sufficient enough to prevent the English settlers from gradually returning Versailles from the French pronunciation to the English pronunciation. This became complete when the postmaster was appointed for Versailles, Tennessee in 1830. Thus conclusions are reached

that Versailles, Tennessee was named for Versailles, France and the local residents gradually changed to the English pronunciation after the intense admiration for the French began to wane. The Nance, Jackson and Ransom families and others in the larger area accelerated this change in pronunciation.

Versailles was in a remote wilderness area, secluded and inaccessible, except in dire necessities, from the larger developing areas such as Nashville, Donelson, Old Jefferson, Murfreesboro, Shelbyville and Eagleville. Yet it was there as early as most. Being reasonably equidistant from most of these, it continually went through the throes of which way civilization. Hesitancy about this still remains, but Murfreesboro has dominated since about 1830. Roads, electric lines, telephone lines, water lines, schools and business at the county seat, all to come, enhanced the direction.

The rocks that underlie the soils of the area are limestone. Hardly a square mile is without outcrops of rock. Most streams run on clean bedrock with numerous small falls and shoals. The land surface is pitted with numerous sink holes and depressions since limestone is relatively soluble and conducive to rapid weathering. Most of the soil is classified as Rock Outcrop-Talbott Barfield by the Soil Conservation Service. Elevation ranges from a maximum of almost 1300 feet above sea level on top of the knobs to about 600 feet in the lowest lands. Soil is easily eroded, the timber having been cut over several times through the years. Contour farming and a minimum of row crops is recommended. Most cultivated fields are small and would be considered as very small patches compared to the midwest row crop farm area or even to the cotton fields of West Tennessee.

The Versailles Knob in the Tenth District and on which a surveyors crew erected a cedar flagpole in 1819, is 1240 feet above sea level, the third or fourth in height in the county. Many girls and boys carved their initials on the flagpole even as late as the 1930's after it lay on the ground in broken parts.

-Research by John and Fred Nance

THE J. BENJAMIN HILL - SARAH MALLARD FAMILY

J. Benjamin Hill, born in North Carolina, about 1790, married Sarah Mallard, born 29 October 1794, also in North Carolina. The family lived in the Putnam Well - Caders Crossing area, south of Versailles. Sarah was the daughter of Thorton Mallard and Elizabeth Wright. It is believed that J. Benjamin was the son of William Hill, who was enumerated in the 1800 census of Granville Co., North Carolina, as were James Hill and Thorton Mallard. The 1820 Rutherford County census lists William Hill and James Hill, who were most likely father and uncle of J. Benjamin and Hezekiah Hill. Hill graves exist a short distance west of Putnam Well and also formerly existed in the open field on the northeast corner of Caders Crossing. J. Benjamin Hill and Sarah Mallard had three known children: William, Margaret and Elizabeth. Born in 1813, Elizabeth became the wife of Richard Nance. (See that family history). J. Benjamin Hill died in 1816. In 1824 his widow, Sarah Mallard Hill, married James Smotherman, had six more children including Eldridge and Jonathan Smotherman before divorcing James in 1849, Through these two marriages of Sarah Mallard (Hill Smotherman) she became the great, great grandmother of all the Versailles Nances, most of the Tenth District Smothermans, and many Rutherford County Hills, Garrets, Bennetts, Pinkertons and others.

James and William Hill received grants of land numbered 333,334,353 and 238 from the North Carolina land office. Acreages were 2500, 2000, 2000 and 274 respectively. These grants were first recorded in Greene Co., Tennessee, the only recognized district in Tennessee at that time (1792). Grant 238 is presently recorded also in Book H - Page 317, in Rutherford County Registers Office. Lost or destroyed recordings prevent identifying the others including grants made to others. The one to William Hill states, "A private in the Continental Line of our Middle District." This grant is further identified in an abstract deed held by Graham Gordon to land which was part of this 2000 acres grant. Boundary lines followed from Versailles to Fishing Ford Road, over the approximate top of the Versailles Knob. to what later became the Old Nance Place line, then east to the Longview-Versailles Pike and return. This included lands now held by Grady Adcock and Frankie Nance Pinkerton. Green Hill received two 640 acre grants in West Fork of Stones River area. Other grants unidentifiable as to location were made to Donelson, Joel Dyer, Robert Dyer, James Leathers and William Leathers between 1792 and 1807. Thus, it appears an odds-on-favorite that these grant recipients or some of their children were first to seek land ownership in Versailles area for permanent homes.

Both Sarah Mallard Hill Smotherman (known as old grandmother Smotherman) and her brother-in-law, Hezekiah Hill, lived their latter years in Versailles with the Nances and died there in the 1870 decade. (From the wills of J. Benjamin Hill and Sarah Smotherman, census records, one abstract deed and notes left by Evie Jo Nance.)

THE WILLIAM BROWN FAMILY Written by William Eris Read

William Brown (1796-1888) and Catherine Day Brown (died 1876) came to Tennessee from North Carolina and settled near Versailles. The date of this migration is not known, but records of deeds indicate that they were here, at the latest, by 1815. The trip was not uneventful. One night, while making camp, the discovery was made that the fire coals had gone out during the day's journey. William had to retrace the trail to get coals from the previous night's campsite. On another night, Indians lifted the tent flap and looked in, but went away.

Later, while living near Rover, in Bedford County, William and his son, Frank, operated a blacksmith shop. They made buggies and wagons. It is said that they made the first surrey to be run on the streets of Murfreesboro.

In 1866, William purchased 182 acres of land in the Tenth District near Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The land was located on the north side of Brady Knob. William brought his older sister, Jane, from Mississippi to live with the family. She was afflicted in some way, was never married, and lived in a small building in the yard until 1881, when William sold the land to his son-in-law, Nathaniel R. Taylor. William had another sister, Polly, who married a Mr. Hargrove, a railroader, and lived in Williamson County.

William and Catherine Brown had nine children:

- 1. Francis (Frank) Shelley Brown (1821-1879) married Elizabeth Ann Taylor (1823-1876) daughter of Vincent and Mary Puckett Taylor.
 - 2. Nancy Brown (1824) never married.
- 3. Margaret Ann Brown (1826-1914) married Nathaniel Rufus Taylor (1830-1888) son of Vincent and Mary

Puckett Taylor. Their children were: Vincent F. Taylor (1857-1861); Nancy J. Taylor 1858-1859); Catherine Luvenia Taylor (1859-1922) married John William Powers (1853-1934); Mary Priscilla Taylor (1862-1941) married Benjamin H. Lamb, son of William Martin (Kelly) and Temperance Pope Lamb.

- 4. Samuel M. Brown married Amanda E. Taylor (1832-1894), daughter of Vincent and Mary Puckett Taylor. They had one son, William Vincent Taylor (1852-1884).
- 5. Priscilla Brown (1831-1919) married James Pinkerton, who died while serving in the Confederate Army. Their children were: William Frank Pinkerton married Callie Crabtree; Sam Brown Pinkerton married Tennessee (Tennie) Taylor; Jose Marion Pinkerton married Julia Estes; John Clay Pinkerton married Bettie Smotherman; Parthenia Pinkerton died at an early age; Catherine Pinkerton married B. Frank Rutledge.
- 6. Mary Brown married James Osment. They had one known issue, Kate Osment, who married John Buttrey. Mary was married a second time to Sam Brown.
- 7. Sabine (Sabe) Brown married Silas Christman. Their children were: Alfred Christman married Martha Jane Holden; Frank Christman married first a Lamb, second a Wright; Annie Christman married Sam Brown, an elderly man who lived at Allisona; Parthenia Christman married Sam Andrew; Sam Christman married a Miss Rogers.
- 8. William W. Brown (1841) married Mary Frances Stevens (born in Virginia). Their children were: Oscar Brown, married a Taylor and moved to Texas; Virginia Tennessee (Tennie) Brown born 1866 married Ernest Bumpas and had a daughter named Maude; Neva Brown married John Bennett; Clayton Brown died young; Henry Brown (1884); Robert Brown (1875). (William Brown, the elder, married a second time, after Catherine died, and went to Texas; Henry and Robert went with him.)
- 9. Lavinia Brown (born 1844) married Martin Bumpas. Their children were: Catherine Bumpas married Dan Zachery and their issue were Molly who married John Riggin and Martha Louise who married Bill McKinney; Martha (Mattie) Bumpass married Dr. R. C. Garrett of Eagleville and their daughter was Virginia, who married Hubert McCullough, Sr. of Murfreesboro.

FRANCIS SHELLEY BROWN

Francis (Frank) Shelley Brown, son of William Brown and Elizabeth Ann Taylor Brown, had eight children:

- 1. Mary Catherine (Kitty) Brown (1846-1919) married (1879) to Ben Beechboard of Bell Buckle, Tennessee. The Beechboard children were Beulah, Benvis, Jennie, Bob.
- 2. Dave Paschal Brown (born 1847) married Teenie Norman (Dryden) a policeman in Birmingham. Their children: Nora married Dick Gambill with issue Lawson and Florence; Brady; Florence married a Ketchum and had a son Bobby; Shelby; Dave. Twin girls who married brothers, Parker.
- 3. Margaret Jane (Jennie) Brown (1852-1880) married Gardner Batts. The Batts children: Elizabeth Minter Batts 1878 died at birth; another daughter died an infant; Jennie was Gardner Batts' second wife. He first married Phoebe Matilda Taylor.
- 4. Martha (Matt) Ann Brown (born 1855) married Kelly Rooker who operated a farm on the Florence Road. The Rooker children were: Henry, Ridley, Hibbitt, Fanny, George, Lizzie.
- 5. Andrew Johnson Brown (1856-1936) married Martha Elmore (1859-1951) daughter of David A. and Elizabeth Ellen White Elmore.
- 6. Henry Francis (Bud) Brown (1860-1927) married Rebecca Kelso Smith, a widow. They had no issue. Rebecca had a daughter, Mary Smith, who married Jack Jacobs of Fairfield, Tennessee.
 - 7. Abner Steed Brown (born 1861) married (1892) Gustavia Harris.
- 8. Samuel Rufus Brown (born 1864) first married Delphinia Osment, a first cousin from Kentucky. Their children were Henry and Hervie. His second marriage was to Eva Brent Holt. Their children: Rufus and Alice. Francis Shelley (Frank) Brown was married a second time (1877) to Temperance (Tempie) Patterson.

ANDREW JOHNSON BROWN

The marriage of Andrew Johnson Brown and Martha Elmore Brown produced nine children:

- 1. Ellen Adriana Brown (1881-1958) was a school teacher and married a Mullins.
- Elizabeth Ann Brown (1883-1964) was a nurse by profession but never married.
- 3. Leevie Andrew Brown (1885-1963) married William E. Carlton who owned a grocery store in Murfreesboro. Their children were Mable, Mary Nadine, Geneva.
- 4. Maggie Ada Brown (1887-1889) died at the age of two.
- 5. Allie Macon Brown (1889-1972) married Henry Edward Van Horn, an architect. Allie was a bookkeeper. Their issue was Francis Edward born 1927.
- 6. Lillard Thompson (L.T.) Brown (born 1891) married first Addie Pearl Haynes; married second, Bessie Adams Buford; there was no issue. L.T. sold insurance and real estate. He was active in local politics, serving on the County Court for 25 years. He completed law school and was a member of every branch of the Masonic Order. He is now retired.
- 7. Francis Atha Brown (1894-1922) married Barney Ethel Dunaway. Issue: one child, Francis Atha Brown, Jr. Francis (Frank) was a mail carrier.
- 8. Mary Virginia Brown (1896-1981) married Walter M. Haynes. Issue, 2 chldren: Ann Marie, Martha. After Water's death, at his home in Memphis, Mary Virginia returned to Murfreesboro and sold real estate.
- 9. Abner Elmore (born 1901) married Mable Claire Kent. Issue: Edith Claire. Elmore was a salesman for a drug supply house; he retired in Miami, Florida and is buried there.

Andrew Johnson Brown, in his early adult life; drove a peddling wagon and hauled freight to and from Eagleville to Nashville. Later he carried mail from Rover to Shelbyville by horseback. The family moved from Rover to a farm three miles out the Halls Hill Pike. The children walked to school into Murfreesboro.

Written by Carmine Jackson

John Clark was one of the very early settlers in the Versailles Community. He lived on the Clark Plantation which is today (1982) located between the former High House Plantation of Francis Jackson, I, and the Thomas Washington Garrett Plantation less than two miles south of Versailles on the Longview Pike. In 1825 John Clark built and occupied the house which is still standing today on the left side of the road. After the death of John Clark in 1842 and of his wife, Elinor Harding Clark, in 1843, Richard Jackson returned from Mississippi, and married their daughter, Elizabeth Clark. They made their home in the John Clark house.

In 1866 Thomas W. Garrett married Elinor Harding Jackson, daughter of Richard Jackson and Elizabeth Clark. Thomas W. Garrett built for himself and for his family a large new house on the Garrett Plantation. This house, which is also still standing today, is a little more than one mile south of Versailles on the left side of the Longview Pike. It is owned and occupied by Holt Garrett, a grandson. The John Clark house and plantation passed into the possession of William J. Dyer, who, in 1892, married Elizabeth Sciota Garrett, oldest daughter of Thomas W. Garrett and Elinor Jackson Garrett. In later years, the Clark Plantation and original home have changed ownership at least four times.

ROADS Written by John and Fred Nance

To use the phrase "down the road," which most have heard many times, was just a figure of speech for early travelers. Roads did not exist. Everyone used animal trails, especially those of the buffalo. History described these trails as broad beaten paths, worn into the earth two feet or more in many places and had apparently been used for ages.

Large herds of animals traveled these trails. Early trappers and Indians used them not only for travel, but trapping and hunting areas. Robberies were common along these trails. Recognizing that the animals and Indians had chosen the best routes, early settlers widened and changed the trails into roads.

Two of these trails were important in the development of Versailles. The Columbia Trail ran southward

from Lebanon, Jefferson, Versailles, near Chapel Hill (east of Eagleville) to Columbia, then connecting with the Natchez Trail, west of Columbia. Highway 99, Rockvale, Versailles, Pleasant and Bunker Hill were on the Columbia Trail. Sections can still be seen today near Leslie King's home on the Bunker Hill road and near Rockvale. The Great South Trail ran southward from Salt Lick (Nashville) crossing the Harpeth River at a large Indian village near Franklin, then in a southeasterly direction to the headwaters of Wartrace Creek, then south to Tullahoma and to the Flint River. The Great South Trail met the Columbia Trail at a right angle in Versailles, then followed south on the Columbia Trail for approximately one-half mile, turned right and came out at what is now Concord and the Jackson Ridge Road. These two Trails today have become the Versailles-Longview and the Mt. Pleasant-Jackson Ridge roads. These two Trails are described in detail in the "Indian Trails of the Southeast."

Improvements and upkeep of the roads were provided by residents who were interested or could benefit. The cost was recovered by use of toll gates. They were not gates, but a long pole extending across the road. After a toll charge was paid the pole was raised allowing the travelers to pass. Records reveal that toll charges ranged from one cent to ten cents per unit. The rates indicated the amount of traffic and varied in many areas. A fine was levied on anyone caught evading toll charges. Later years residents of the County were required to perform five days work or pay the equivalent in cash for maintenance of the roads. This requirement was in effect until the early 1930's.

Each of the roads were marked with mile posts, from the zero post at Murfreesboro. Records indicate these posts were used for determining the distance to the County line, as laws required the boundary to be within one day's These travel from its county seat. markers determining unit cost for contract construction and main-Mile posts were also used similar to tenance. mileage markers on today's highways.

Within the Tenth District, the Columbia and Great South Trails by comparison were the super highways of the time, with many other trails serving the area much like our secondary roads today. The Old Ox road began on the Longview road near the Garrett schoolhouse. It followed near the boundary lines of the Hill, Jackson, Leathers, (Old Nance Place) Land Grants, joining the now Kingdom Road. This provided a shortcut to the Rover area. The Fishing Ford road was developed by members of the Mt. Pleasant Church traveling to and from church meeting. It joined what is now

known as the Haunt Hollow Road. The Fishing Ford road and part of the Old Ox road partially bounded the Hill grant as owner boundary lines help establish secondary roads. The Panther Creek road connected the Link Road and the now Crescent-Midland road. Douglas Hollow (now Whitus road) connected the Versailles (Columbia Trail) and the Old Link road. Bunker Hill road connected Mt. Pleasant road and the Rover area. The Snail Shell Cave road ran off the Columbia Trail west to Windrow. The Old Link Road ran east to Link off the Great South Trail. A so-called Lane Line Road connected the Columbia Trail with now Highway 99 near Rockvale school. The now Concord-Versailles Road came into being much later.

Eagleville changed from Williamson County to Rutherford County and the rapid growth following the Civil War resulted (1877) in now Highway 99 at first a toll road, to the county seat. This road by-passed Versailles due to lack of sufficient financial support, although the Ransoms and others bought stock. Toll gates were located approximately every five miles to recover costs.

Modern day transportation now demands roads of a different quality but the early roads established by the animals and Indians are today recognized by many engineers as the most logical routes.

Sources: (1) "Indian Trails of the Southeast" (2) Maps, Beers and Survey maps of 1795 (3) Local residents.

THE JIM ADCOCK FAMILY Furnished by Pearl Adcock Powers and Grady Adcock

Josiah Adcock married Lithie Jacobs. They lived in the Christiana Community. Their son, Jim Adcock, was born on 15 June 1865. On 31 December 1891 he married Elizabeth Thomas. Jim and Elizabeth continued living at Christiana until after their first child, Pearle, was born. While Pearle was quite small, they moved to Versailles and lived in the Francis Jackson High House. While living here, their second child, Grady, was born on 9 January 1897. Pearle says she learned her ABC's while a small child playing around the Francis Jackson tomstones. They moved back to Christiana for a very short time where their second son, Luke, was born.

During 1905, Mrs. Elizabeth Snell Ransom Covington died, after which the stately Ransom ante-bellum home and farm were offered for sale. Jim Adcock bought this property

from Joe Ransom and moved back to Versailles to spend the rest of his life. Jim Adcock died on 17 August 1946. Elizabeth Thomas Adcock died on 12 March 1960. The Adcock family is still in possession of this property and live in Versailles.

Pearle Adcock became the second wife of Wash Powers, Sr., who was, at one time, Sheriff of Rutherford County; later he became Chief of Police of Murfreesboro. He also helped organize the One Gallus Fox Hunters of Eagleville, Tennessee.

Grady Adcock married Louise Powers of Erin, Tennessee. For many years, Louise Powers Adcock was manager of Candy Land in Nashville. She died on 21 July 1980. Grady was employed by the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway. Since his retirement, he devotes his time to his Versailles farm.

Luke Adcock was employed for many years by T.V.A., his home being in Gallatin, Tennessee. He married Mary Elder of Chapel Hill, Tennessee. They became the parents of one child, Luke, Jr., who married Eva Ikenberry on 1 February 1947. Luke, Jr., was killed in a traffic accident on 17 December 1963. Mary Elder Adcock died on 27 January 1981. Luke Adcock, Sr., spends his time on the Adcock farm in Versailles.

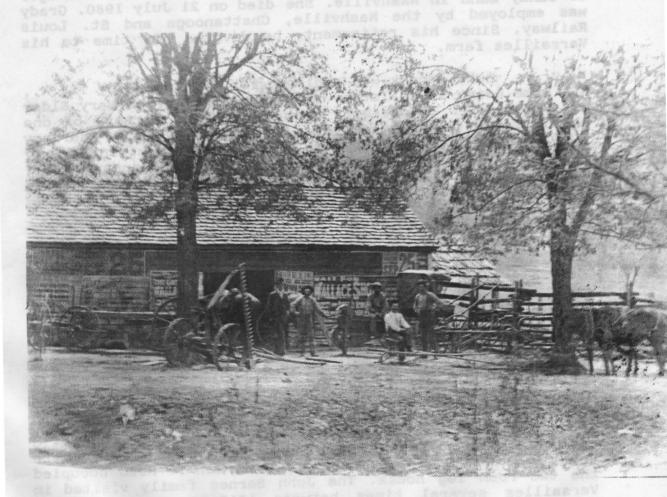
BARNES FAMILIES

John Barnes, born 1861, and his brother, Joseph B. Barnes, born 1868, raised families in Versailles and the Tenth District. Census reveals both as blacksmiths. Some living residents of Versailles remember both as tall, well feet, skinny, muscular and fitting excess of six descriptions of blacksmiths of that era. John Barnes family consisted of Nannie (wife) born March 1863, and daughters Minnie, born September 1886, and Elva May, born April 1897, The family lived in the house across the road east from the Versailles store from about the time that the first child was born until about 1908. Neri Lowe family lived there until 1910, when Frank Nance and wife Parrie Read occupied the two room log house. The John Barnes family visited in Versailles several times between 1910-20, and daughter, more recently. The blacksmith Minnie, much shop was located south of the residence between the present house and the four-way stop.

Joseph B. Barnes family consisted of wife, Nannie, born 1873, and son Otho (Arthur) F., born 1893. Joe Barnes was a blacksmith at Rockvale and lived in that area. Both spouses of John and Joe were named "Nan".

The Joe Barnes family moved from the Tenth District to Eagleville where son Otho (Arthur) raised his family. Versailles ties to both families were difficult to break. Versailles remained "home" to them for a long time. The Barnes family came from Virginia to the Versailles area. Otho was a blacksmith in Eagleville. Tom Spence succeeded John Barnes in the shop at Versailles. Minnie Barnes married Flint Spears, Principal of Rockvale High School at one time.

Sources: (1) 1900 Rutherford Co. Census (2) Interviews



Versailles Blacksmith Shop about 1910 - Pictured are: Jim Adcock, Bob Jackson and John Barnes. Jim Nance was the photographer.

THE BOWLING FAMILY Research by Shirley Bowling Hayes

Frank Marion Bowling, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Bowling was born eight miles east of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, 23 September 1847. His early life was spent working on the farm and caring for his disabled father. He entered Union University at Murfreesboro in January 1868, after deciding that teaching would be his chosen profession and received a degree of A.M. in June 1873.

On 26 August 1874 he married Susan E. Sanders, daughter of Jesse B. and Mary A. Sanders, who also resided near Murfreesboro. To this union four children: Herbert Manly Bowling, born 9 July 1875; Edna Frank Bowling, born 29 June 1877; Mary Myrtle Bowling, born 23 May 1882; and Cecil Grady Bowling, born 5 November 1889.

Professor Bowling, as he was affectionately known, was a teacher and a deeply religious man. He was involved with church and Sunday School work since early manhood. He served as school principal in Leesville, Martsville, Unionville and as joint principal of Milan College, Milan, Tennessee. He returned to Rutherford County where he was principal at Lascassas, Christiana, Eagleville High Schools.

Professor Bowling came to the Rockvale Community in 1910 and was instrumental in building the Rockvale High School located on the present site and served as its first principal. He had petitioned the Rutherford County Board for the position of School Superintendent at the time of his death 17 September 1914. His wife, Susan, continued to live in the Rockvale Community until her death 2 May 1931.

Cecil Grady Bowling, the youngest son, married Annie E. Seat on 17 October 1912, and they had only one son, Herbert Manuel Bowling, born 17 August 1912. Cecil was a teacher and carpenter. He assisted his father in building a house in the Rockvale community in 1911. It was to this house that Cecil took his bride and they lived there together until his death 24 March 1956, at age 66. Annie S. Bowling continued to live there until her death in October 1972.

Cecil was Postmaster of the Rockvale Post Office for 35 years. He also ran a grocery store assisted by his wife, succeeding H. J. (Cap) Nance in 1926. The lower floor of the site of the present Post Office building was divided into three portions: One was designated for postal business only; one section was for the grocery business; and, the third portion was his woodworking shop. He made numerous pieces of furniture and was often contracted to build ice boxes. He was well known also for his cedar chests. Cecil was a member of the Rockvale Masonic Lodge and Annie was a member of the Eastern Star as well as postal clerk for many years.

Herbert Manuel Bowling attended school at Rockvale High School until 1932, at which time he moved to Nashville, Tennessee to reside with his aunt. Herbert married Margaret Ruth Williams 22 September 1937 and returned to the Rockvale Community. They have four children: Shirley Ann Bowling, born 5 September 1938, married Gayle Powers Hayes; Norma Jean Bowling, born 21 March 1941, married Charles Aaron Lewter; Herbert Manuel Bowling, Jr., born 7 July 1942, married Cathey Taylor and later married Pat Fries; and Frank Miles Bowling, born 1 September 1950, married Judy Marie Leathers. All four of these children have families of their own and two of them still reside in the Rockvale area.

Herbert and all children attended Rockvale High School, the school started by their great-grandfather, F.M. Bowling.

WATER by John Nance

Early settlers, in the Versailles, Tenth District area, found the natural water sources clean and useable for all needs.

Beginning on the east side of Versailles Knob and on the north side of the Tennessee Valley Divide, the Harpeth Valley Creek flows westward through the District. It joins the Harpeth River at its headwaters east of Eagleville. The Harpeth Valley Creek with several branches joining provides drainage for the District and is a major supplier to the Harpeth River. Sinking Creek, Yellowhammer Creek and Alexanders Creek are located within the District and are mentioned as boundary lines in early grants and deeds. They are active today. Alexanders Creek is the only one that flows south.

Some springs were cleared and walled up with steps built down to the water level and became known as walk-in wells. Two such wells were in use in the 1920's. Both were located on the Old Columbia Dirt Road: one near the home where Sam Boyd (formerly Rob Free home) now lives; the other in front of the present Frank Cooper home. Springs provided water for local use and were available to travelers along the Columbia Dirt Road.

Other springs were opened along hill sides, by placing hewed logs, resembling troughs below, providing a pool of water. Some were piped into homes, resulting in the first inside water supply. A spring located behind the Bob Jackson place was used in this manner. Numerous wet weather springs also existed.

As population increased the demand for more convenient water for household use increased. Hand dug or open wells made use of underground streams, but often captured surface water. These were approximately three to four feet square, twenty to thirty feet deep, planked on all sides to prevent cave in.

Two ways of obtaining water from these wells were very popular. One method was using a log or drum known as a windlass mounted in a bracket with a handle on the sides for turning, a rope and bucket attached. Turning the windlass in one direction the bucket was lowered into the well filled with water then turned in the opposite direction causing the water to be drawn to the surface. Some operated with two buckets, one being lowered, the other returned to the surface. Another method was the sweep. This consisted of a long pole mounted on a fulcrum weighted on one end with a rope and bucket on the other. The weight exceeded the weight of a bucket filled with water. The length of the pole was in direct ratio to the depth of the well. Open wells were numerous in the Tenth District. The Garrett, Nance, Jackson and Ransom home places had this type of wells. Some remain in use today.

Bored or drilled wells next became popular. Several citizens were using these almost exclusively for water supply designed to eliminate surface water. Bored or drilled wells served two major purposes: reduced pollution from water used for household purposes and provided a convenient and continuous water supply. These were major steps toward health improvement—growth increased pollution. Today virtually no wells would pass health standards. A bored well was located at or near every house within the Tenth District. The Rockvale area was an exception. Three wells served this area during dry months for many years. The most used was located on the east side of the Rockvale-Eagleville Pike across from the store. Another at A.A. Scott's home and a third near the Pencil Mill site, which was discontinued upon the closing of the Mill. Other than rainwater caught in tanks from rooftops and used for bathing, wells provided residents with the best quality water for that era.

As demand for more water and safer water increased, a fifty-mile water utility district was created. In the Fall of 1967, the utility was in operation. Some commented that, "At last water on a desert." The water district was merged with the Consolidated Utility District on 22 January 1979. Most all other water sources are polluted past approval by the Health Department.

-Information from maps and interviews of know-ledgeable persons.

THE BRANNON FAMILY

Compiled by Elaine Covington Martin & Myrtle Brannon Rogers

William Lewis Brannon and Joe Brannon, when young brothers, came to this country from Ireland about 1830. William settled in North Carolina, and Joe went further south. William Lewis Brannon married Levina Hill, in Haywood County, North Carolina, in 1836. She was the daughter of Mary and Green Hill from North Carolina. Following marriage the William Lewis Brannon family came to Cades Cove, Tennessee, raised a family of ten children, then moved to Maryville, Tennessee and is buried there. These ten children were:

- 1. Martha Ann Brannon, born 5 February 1837 in Cades Cove, married John W. Bolin and died in Birmingham, Alabama.
- 2. Greene Asbury Brannon, born August 1839, married Nancy Ann Flag and died in Maryville.
- 3. Noah Alexander Brannon, born January 1842, in Cades Cove, married Martha P. Holden and next Sallie E. Lillard. Noah died in Pulaski, Tennessee. He spent two years in Union prisons.
- 4. Mary Tebitha Brannon, born 7 February 1844, married John Bates, a Confederate soldier, for which her family abandoned her and the couple went to California.
- 5. Wade Hill Brannon, born 21 May 1847, moved to Texas.
- 6. Jonathan William Brannon, born 11 November 1849, died in Versailles. His family is discussed later.
- 7. Josiah Lemons Brannon, born 16 May 1852, accompanied brother, Wade, to Texas.

- 8. Armintha Elizabeth Brannon, born 4 October 1854, married Henry F. Whitehead, who burned to death. Armintha died 19 November 1909, and is buried in Wheel, Tennessee. They lived in Versailles area and ran a grist mill near the Bedford County line.
 - 9. William Adams Brannon, born 20 February 1857, died in Rockvale, Tennessee in 1940. His family discussed later.
- 10. Samuel Pride Brannon, born 9 April 1859, married Tennie Holden and died in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Only Jonathan William Brannon and William Adams Brannon remained in the Versailles and Tenth District area.

Jonathan William Brannon came to the Tenth District from Cades Cove; married Martha Jane Whitehead and lived on the Mt. Pleasant Road. Their eight children were:

- 1. Mollie Brannon, born 1878, married Tom Heath, born 1876, and lived one mile from Versailles, raised Pearlie Mai Jones, who maried Clifford Uselton.
- 2. Noah Brannon, born 1879, married Grace Walden, born 1885. They lived awhile in the Snail Shell Cave area in front of the Silas Evans place, and most likely had the first sawmill there. Their three children were: Ruth, Nannie Lee and Catherine. The saw mill was near Nannie Cave.
- 3. Jimmie D. (Jim) Brannon, born 1882, married Cora E. Lamb, born 1888. They lived about three-fourths mile from Versailles on the Mt. Pleasant Road and their five children were: Mattie B., Mary D., Lewis, Ralph and Virginia. Lewis Brannon married Mattie P. Adcock and lives at the old Brannon place of Jonathan William Brannon, his grandfather, on the Mt. Pleasant Road.
 - 4. Johnnie B. Brannon, born 1884, married Julia Burns, born 1889. They lived at several places through the years. Most of their children were born in Versailles and the Tenth District. Julia is now aged and lives with daughter Myrtle in the Longview area. Their ten children were: Charlie, Myrtle, Irvin B., Roscoe, E. Lorene, Mattie Lou, J. B., George J., Robert Swain, Lyndel. All are married. Most have families. Charlie and Roscoe are deceased.
 - 5. Lela Bell Brannon, born 1886, married N. Wash Powers, Sr., born 1885. (See Powers Family). Their eight

children were: Gerald, Thelma, Eron, Pauline, Lucile, Lela Mai, Wash, Jr., and a baby girl that died at birth with her mother.

- 6. Sam Brannon, married Clyde ____ and their children are Arthur Lee, Sammie, Mary Elizabeth and perhaps others. This family lived in Chattanooga.
- 7. Grover Brannon, born 20 August 1891, married Rebecca Read. Their children were: Parrie, Audrey, and Mary Elmer. (See Read Family). This family lived in Nashville and later on the Mt. Pleasant Road half a mile from Versailles.
- 8. Horace (Bish) Brannon and wife, Elsie, raised a family in Toledo, Ohio.

William Adams (Dad) Brannon, born 20 February 1857, came to the Rockvale area, the Tenth District, from Cades Cove. He first married Tennessee Elizabeth Lamb, 13 April 1882 and their two children were Richard Lee and Minus Hill (Mike). Following "Tinnie's" death "Dad" married Coquilla Floyd Featherston, her second also.

- 1. Richard Lee Brannon (1884-1949) married Allie Whitehead, daughter of Sam Whitehead, and they lived most of their years in the Rockvale area. Their ten children were: Aubrey W. Brannon; Ruby Brannon Walden; Claude (Pink) Brannon, who was killed in the Phillipines in 1944 in World War II; Faye and Raye were twins; Sammie Lee and Roger were twins also; Roger died at birth; Jack Brannon married Sandra Delbridge and lives in Rockvale; Thomas Brannon married Virginia Tassy and lives in Salem.
- 2. Minus Hill (Mike) Brannon, born 12 January 1883, died 5 January 1970, married Annie Laura Covington, born 4 July 1891, died 14 February 1960. Their four children are:
- A. William Lee Brannon, born 1 October 1907, married Virginia Duncan, born 18 September 1910, and was a pharmacist in Birmingham for years.
- B. Lena Mai Brannon, born 4 July 1910, died 30 November 1966, married Howard Scott, born 10 November 1903, died 6 August 1956.
- C. Minus H. Brannon, Jr., died a few hours after birth.
 - D. John Arnette Brannon, born 28 February 1917,

married June Cooke and their children are John Michael, Marjorie and William Collins. All three have families. Arnette has lived in the Tenth District on the Whitus Road for about 27 years.

E. Earl Collins Brannon, born 29 April 1919, married Lena E. Ryan and lives on Highway 96 between Murfreesboro and Triune.

THE BURNS FAMILIES

Compiles by Nancy Puckett from information furnished by:
Horace Burns, Mary Campbell, Minnie Westbrooks
and county records

Horatio Horace Burns, a preacher and wheelwright, was born about 1797 in South Carolina and married Polly Phillips in 1820. They lived between Jackson Ridge and Windrow and are buried on top of a hill near their home. One of their sons was Ivey P. Burns born 27 August 1823, and married Julia Ann Boatwright 12 January 1847. A farmer, Ivey P. and his son, George Washington Burns, had a store at Jackson Ridge called Everglade, which served as a drop point post office.

Ivey P. Burns and Julia Ann Boatwright had at least eight children: John T. Burns married Martha Elizabeth Haynes; George Washington Burns (see below); Frances A. Burns (1853-1927) married William Allen Morgan (See Morgan Family); Mary Burns married Jim Ralston; William Monroe Burns had one daughter, Nettie Burns; Lee Burns; Alice Burns married a Pate. Their children are Elsey Pate, Lee Pate, Jim Pate, Julia Pate and Mary Pate; Sallie Burns married a White and moved to Texas. Their children are Walter White and Annie White.

Of the eight, George Washington Burns remained in the Tenth District, Jackson Ridge area and was married four times. In order these wives were a Webb; Mary Emily Read, daughter of C.T. and R.L. Read; Cassie Anna Read (Mary Emily's sister); and, Emily Ellen Carlton, 28 April 1887 (See Carlton Family).

George Washington Burns' children were: Johnny W. Burns, born 22 October 1878; Annie Lytle Burns, born 19 August 1881, married Ben Taylor; Roscoe Burns, born 7 March 1885, married a Ray and had 3 children: George, Homer and Frank; Julie Adeline Burns, born 21 February 1889 married John Brannon (See the Brannons); George Washington Burns,

Jr., born 5 November 1890, married Lee Cothran and had two children: Earline and George Erin; Nannie Lou Burns, born 9 April 1892, married Young Clark (See Covington family); Mary Etta Burns, born 14 December 1895, married Tom Williams and had four children: Mildred, Edwin, Thurman and Harold; Ivey Phillips (Ike) Burns, born 27 October 1897, married Lula May Ralston and their 7 children: Ellen Love (deceased), Charles Ivey, Margaret Louise, Effie Christine, Jean Marie, Robert Carl and Linda; Horace Horatio Burns, born 4 December 1899, married Annie Lee Watson and had five children: Sammie Lee (deceased), Norman, Jimmie, Horace Warner and Bobby Edna; Thomas (Doc) Poplin Burns married Vera Looney and had 4 children: Sarah Ellen, Bobby (deceased), Tommie and Jerry; Ralph Gray Burns died an infant in 1908.

CHURCHES

A History of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church By William Eris Read

In 1800, a band of settlers from North Carolina and virginia organized a Baptist congregation. In the late 1790's these Baptists had settled an area in the southwestern part of what is now Rutherford County and the northwestern part of what is now Bedford County. This area was Indian territory and a part of Williamson County. The communities influenced were Versailles, Concord and Bunker Hill in Rutherford County and Fruit Valley, Kingdom and Rover in Bedford County. They chose a spot one mile from Versailles off the old Columbia Trace lying at the foot of Versailles and Brady Knobs in the watershed of the Harpeth River and became known as Mt. Pleasant.

For a place of worship the Baptists erected a log building with twelve corners to represent the Apostles and because the logs were short. The church had a large fireplace at one end. Sixty-seven years later the log structure was replaced by a frame building. The two buildings were located about 200 yards east and nearer the cemetery and Haunt Hollow Road.

The pastor was Merimon (or Merriman) Landrum who served for a number of years, and was buried in the church yard in 1826.

Records of the early years of the church have been lost, therefore, the exact membership is not known. However, later membership lists give an indication of the names of

families involved in the development of the Mt. Pleasant Church.

With the beginning of general organizations during the early 1800's, and with the added incentive of the preaching of Luther Rice, a minister in New England, who favored missionaries to foreign lands, Baptists were aroused. The rise of the missionary spirit was most remarkable. However, about the same time, some Baptists began an agressive campaign against missions, education and Sunday Schools. The name by which they designated themselves was Primitive or Old School Baptist. This anti-missions movement increased strongly from 1814 to 1842, when many Baptist congregations were rent asunder.

The Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church did not escape this schism. Because of a difference of opinion in regard to missionary work, Sabbath Schools and other minor matters, the congregation split into two groups, namely the United or Primitive Baptists and the Missionary Baptists. In 1832, while Lewis Heath was pastor, the divided congregation began to worship separately in the same building. However, evidently some members moved their memberships to Enon United Baptist Church located in nearby Bedford County. In 1846, with the help of members from the Enon Church, a Primitive Baptist Church was formally organized. In most cases, when a schism occurs within a church congregation, and the differences can not be reconciled, one group will construct a new building. Apparently, this division took place with little bitterness. This amiable condition may have resulted because members of the same family were divided in their beliefs.

Both denominations worshipped in the same building until 1904, when the present building was erected. On special occasions, members of both churches attended each other's services.

Because of this unique situation, a history of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church would not be complete if both Baptist groups were not included.

The Primitive Baptist Church

In 1846 six men and ten women from the Enon Baptist Church led the Mt. Pleasant people of like mind in constituting a United or Primitive Baptist Church. The first church records state:

We being members of the United Baptist Church at Aenon [sic] the Mother Church we having applied for Letters of Dismission for the purpose of Establishing a Church at Mount Pleasant we having met at the Church on the Saturday before the second Lord's Day in February 1846 and Brother Henry Walker and Brother Jeremiah Stephens attended both ordained Ministers of the Gospel, Brother Henry Walker delivered a sermon from the First Chapter of Mark and 15 verse.

- 1. After prayer proceeded to Business
- Chose Brother Jeremiah Stephens as moderator
- 3. Appointed Brother John Crick Clerk
- 4. Read the Constitution of said Church to the members present also the Rules of Decorum
- 5. Appointed the Saturday before the Lord's day in Every month for meeting
- Opened a door for the Reception of Members
- 7. Received Brother Richard W. Fane and Sister Elizabeth Fane his wife by Letter
- 8. Dismissed by Prayer.

Richard W. Fane (or Fain) delivered the first sermon for the new church in March and subsequently was appointed its pastor. William S. Taylor was selected as the treasurer. The church became a member of the Cumberland Association of United or Primitive Baptist Churches.

The members of this church are listed in the order in which they were received. The first six men and the first ten women listed were the organizers of the church. There may be duplications in some of the women's names. When the church roll was revised the maiden names were dropped and the married names were added. If known, married names are placed in parenthesis.

Males

1. William S. Taylor	2/1846	. Richard W. Fane	2/1846
2. J.M.Taylor	2/1846 8	. Vincent Taylor	7/1846
3. James C. Taylor	2/1846	. Thomas L. Taylor	8/1846
4. William T. Hogan	2/1846 10	. Thomas K. Haynes	10/1846
5. Richard Jackson	2/1846 11	. Charles P. Taylor	10/1850
6. John W. Crick	2/1846 12	. Meed Jackson	10/1851

13.	Thomas Winsett	10/1852	33. Samuel Brown	10/1876
14.	Henry Puckett	5/1852	34. J.T. Sapin	8/1876
15.	Thomas R. Wilson	6/1861	35. James C. Patterson	10/1878
16.	G.R.Owen	8/1864	36. Joseph L. Brannon	
17.	John Holden	6/1865	37. W.S. Taylor, Jr.	
18.	John Hoad	9/1865	38. J.M.Carlton	
19.	Nathaniel R. Taylor	9/1866	39. J.N.Dykes	11/1881
20.	James M. Carlton	9/1866	40. W.T.Slaten	
21.	William Webb	9/1866	41. William Brown	11/1881
22.	David J.Ransom	9/1866	42. John Jordan	10/1882
23.	Edward E. Taylor	9/1866	43. Lewis A.Jones	11/1882
24.	William J. Carlton	9/1866	44. Champ Marable	7/1884
25.	James C. Taylor, Jr.	9/1866	45. William J.Floyd	8/1886
26.	Henry V. Taylor	9/1866	46. Henry H.Carson	10/1886
27.	Amasa Manire	9/1867	47. F.M.Carlton	11/1886
28.	F.Jackson, Sr.	9/1869	48. W.C. Taylor	5/1887
29.	Richard Corbitt	11/1871	49.5J.W.White	8/1887
30.	Gardner Batts	11/1874	50. Vincent Taylor	10/1887
31.	Stafford Taylor	12/1874	51. Ollie Brannon	11/1893
32.	John Brannon	7/1875	52. Sidney Brannon	11/1893
			53. James (Jim) Taylor	11/1893

Females (Cont'd)

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1.	Nancy Taylor	2/1846	27.	Anna Johnson	4/1861
2.	Tabitha Taylor	2/1846	28.	Temperance Patterson	nesq
3.	Phebe Hogan	2/1846	Iss	(Brown)	6/1862
4.	Sarah M. Taylor	2/1846	29.	Rebecca Patterson	9/1865
5.	Susan C. Taylor	2/1846	30.	Mary J. Garrett	
	Martha Hogan	2/1846		(Comer)	9/1865
7.	Isabel Ray			Eliza Crocker	9/1865
	Emy Taylor	2/1846	32.	Sara Williams	9/1865
9.	Elizabeth Woodliff	2/1846	33.	Mary Carlton	9/1866
10.	Katherine Mosely	2/1846	34.	Margarett C.Carlton	9/1866
11.	Elizabeth Fane	2/1846	35.	Martha M. Carlton	
12.	Delila Taylor	7/1846		(Loftin)	9/1866
13.	Kisiah Taylor	10/1846	36.	Margaret Brown	
14.	Eliza Haynes	10/1846		Taylor	9/1866
15.	Elizabeth Jackson	1849	37.	Susan R. Rutledge	9/1866
16.	Susan J. Taylor	6/1850	38.	Cornelia A.J. Taylor	9/1866
17.	America Elam	5/1851	39.	Mary A. Taylor	9/1866
18.	Amanda Taylor		40.	Samanthy Patterson	9/1866
	(Brown)	8/1851	41.	Pricilla Hoganada	9/1866
19.	N.W.Taylor	8/1851	42.	Peggy M. Taylor (Floy	yd)
20.	Sara Jackson			Phoebe Taylor(Batts	
21.	Chana Covington	10/1851	44.	"Sister" Corbitt	10/1868
22.	Nannie J. Taylor		45.	Mary J.Williams	
				(Comer)	
	The first decision of the control of				11/1872
24.	Temperance Winsett			Susan Wood	6/1873
25.				Amanda Patterson	7/1873
26.	Minerva Taylor	5/1854	49.	Dell Taylor	7/1874

Females (Cont'd)

50.				10/1885
51.	Amanda Brannon	61.	Bettie Carlton	11/1886
52.	Mary J. Floyd 10/1874	62.	Martha Jane Taylor	6/1887
53.	Mary P. Taylor	63.	Sarah D.White	10/1887
	(Lamb) 10/1877	64.	Della Brannon	7/1893
54.	Catherine L. Taylor	65.	Tabitha Marable	8/1894
	(Powers) 10/1877	66.	Jane George	8/1895
55.	Lizzie Carlton	67.	Anna Jackson	
56.	Nannie S. Taylor 10/1877	68.	Mary Comer	1903
57.	Alice Fain (Neely)11/1877	69.	Vera Lamb (Jackson)	
58.	Jennie Taylor 6/1882	70.	Maggie Lamb (Pope)	
59.	Malissa Spain 6/1884		lames C. Taylor, Jr.	

Known pastors of the church and the order of service are as follows: Richard W. Fain, Jeremiah Stephens, Richard W. Fain, Jeremiah Stephens, Josiah Nance, Richard W. Fain, Jeremiah Stephens, Richard W. Fain, J. T. Spain, B. E. Mullins, J. E. Frost, J. K. Womack, J. E. Frost, T. J. Taylor and F. M. White.

53. James (dim) T

There were no regular services during the War Between the States from November 1862 until March 1864, when Richard W. Fain again began to attend the church and to preach. He served for almost ten years before he gave up the pastorate. He returned after one year and remained for seven months, preaching his last sermon at Mt. Pleasant in December 1875. He attended the church for the last time in January 1876, but did not preach, and died February 2, 1876. Elder Fain had served the church as pastor and supply preacher off and on for thirty years.

The church saw fit to ask A. W. Manire, E. E. Taylor and F. M. Carlton to draw up the following resolution to honor this faithful servant of God. The resolution is in the church records.

Elder J. B. Stephens and J. E. Frost preached the funeral of Elder Fain on July 20, 1876. The postponing of funeral services of members who died in the winter until a date in the spring or summer was apparently a custom of the church. Services for Elizabeth Fain were held at the same time, she, having passed away very near the time of her husband. They were the parents of Richard (Dick) Fain. Later, the church voted to place a monument over their graves.

Known church clerks were: John Crick, Vincent Taylor, James C. Taylor, E. E. Taylor, Joseph Brannon, J. N.

Dykes, F. M. Carlton and W. J. Carlton. During the service of Vincent Taylor an interesting side note written on the fly leaf of the record book can be found:

Let it be long remembered that in the year 1855, December the 23rd, there was a snow commenced falling and did snow off and on 40 days. The ground never was clear of snow and ice for 62 days and frozed [sic] all the time until February 22nd, 1856.

The church did not have services in December, January or February because of the severe cold winter.

A few deacons of the church identified in the records are: T. R. Haynes, N. R. Taylor, James C. Taylor, Sam Brown, Joseph Brannon and F. M. Carlton.

Historically, before the War Between the States, black people attended church with white members. However, in many cases, they were not entered on the church rolls. During services in October 1851, Chana Covington (probably a free black person) united with the church by experience and was baptized. She remained a member until December 8, 1877 at which time she asked for a letter of dismissal. The letter was granted.

Greenberry R. Owen, church member and owner of an Eagleville tobacco factory and a large farm on Mt. Vernon Road, left a sum of money (\$16.65 per year) at his death to be applied to the pastor's salary. This amount was available to the church for a number of years.

The Primitive Baptists continued to use the "union church," as it was called, after the Missionary Baptists constructed a new building nearby in 1904. But by this time the membership was decreasing rapidly, and by 1910 there were only two members remaining. These were Mrs. Betty Taylor Carlton and Mrs. Anna George Jackson.

The old union church structure was sold for \$181.50 to a Mr. Martin and was torn down in 1916.

The Missionary Baptist Church

The group of worshippers who became the Missionary Baptist Church, when the split occurred in the early Mt. Pleasant Church, were the stronger of the two groups. Therefore, they continued with the organization structure of the early church and met for services once a month. Business

conferences were held on Saturdays before the Sunday preaching services. At times they would meet twice on Sunday rather than meet on Saturday.

Records of the activities of the Missionary Church are sparse during the period from 1832 through 1900. At the turn of the century after one hundred years in existence, the roll book, before revision, showed more than two hundred members. This indicates that the church remained quite strong, and even more so following the Civil War.

The revised book carries the following names:

1.	Mrs. Lina Agent	37.	Anne Garrett (Smotherman)
2.	Mrs. Mary Arnold	38.	E. A. Garrett
3.	Amanda Arnold	39.	Mrs. Joe Green
4.	Mrs. Lizzie Adcock	40.	Emaline Haynes
5.	Mrs. Tennie Barnes	41.	Mrs. Mary A. Heath
6.	Tinnie Brown	42.	Mrs. Tabitha Hogan
7.	Nancy Brown	43.	Mrs. Nancy E. Hale
8.	Mrs. Lillie M. Bumpus	44.	Sallie Hale
	Mrs. Annie Bumpus	45.	Lou Haley
10.	Mrs. Etta Bumpus	46.	Mrs. Drucilla Haynes
11.	Jane Carson	47.	T. E. Holden
12.	Mrs. Sabry Christman	48.	Laura Heath
13.	Nancy Cole	49.	Amanda Hale (Lamb)
14.	Mrs. Angeline Carlton	50.	Rachel Hale (Hendrix)
15.	Martha Cole	51.	Mrs. T. R. Heath
16.	Mrs. Mary J. Comer	52.	Mrs. Tom Heath
17.	Mrs. Kittie Carlton	53.	Mrs. M. E. Heath
18.	Lou Carlton	54.	Jennie Heath (Hollowell)
19.	Mrs. Fannie Crick	55.	Phona Heath
20.	Mrs. Julia Crick	56.	Mrs. Sadie Heath
21.	Julia Crick	57.	Lemiza Hinson
22.	Mrs. S. M. Crick	58.	Mrs. M. S. Jackson
23.	Mrs. J. A. Carlton	59.	Mrs. Siota Jones
24.	Lillie M. Cole	60.	Mrs. Tabitha Jackson
25.	D. J. Carlton	61.	Mrs. Rufus Jernigan
26.	Julia Carlton		Docia Jackson
27.	Mrs. Julia M. Clark	63.	Mrs. N. F. Lamb
28.	Lillie M. Carlton	64.	Mrs. Ellen Lamb

29. Elizabeth Duncan

30. Mrs. Mary Duncan

32. Mrs. Will Dyer

31. Mrs. Nancy F. Dyer

33. Mrs. S. E. Faulkner

(Kimmons)

36. Sallie Garrett (Kimmons)

34. Mattie D. Garrett

35. Mrs. James Garrett

65. Mrs. Helen Lamb

67. Mrs. L. G. Lamb

68. Lizzie Lamb

70. Patton Lamb

69. Mrs. Tom Lamb

66. Mrs. Fona E. Lamb

71. Mrs. Evie Lovvern

72. Narcissus Landrum

73. Mrs. Jim Leathers

74. Martha Lamb (Taylor) 94. Mrs. Tom Rutledge 75. Mrs. Tennie Maxwell 95. Mrs. Richard Read (Brown) 96. Mrs. Sarah F. Smith 76. Mrs. W. J. Maxwell 97. Mrs. Richard Taylor 77. Mrs. Dave Manire 98. Mrs. Repsie Underwood 78. Mrs. Sallie Odom 99. Mrs. India Whitworth 79. Mrs. Tabitha Pope 100. Mrs. Alice Williams 80. Mrs. Pricilla Pinkerton 101. Mrs. Fannie White 81. Mrs. Caroline Pope 102. A. Westbrook 82. Mrs. R. T. Pinkerton 103. Loudella Westbrook 83. Mrs. Sallie Puckett 104. E. A. Whitehead 84. Mrs. Alice Poplin 105. M. A. Whitehead 85. Mrs. Zella Puckett 106. Mrs. E. B. Whitehead 86. Mrs. M. A. Payton 107. Lou Whitehead 87. Mrs. Judith M. Read 108. Joey Whitehead 88. Mrs. Rachel Reid 109. Mrs. Willy Williams 89. Mrs. Parrie A. Reid 110. Mrs. Walter Winn 90. Mrs. J. A. Reid 111. Margurite C. Wilson 91. Mrs. Nancy Ray 112. Inez A. Williams 92. Mrs. Maggie Ralston 113. Mrs. Cora L. Wright 93. Mrs. Alonza Ralston 114. Mrs. Sooky Yount

Women: 1900-1916

115. Minnie Barnes 1903 116. Julia Burns (Brannon) 9/1905 117. Nanny Lou Burns 9/1906 118. Mrs. J. H. Barnes 119. Lottie May Bellenfant 9/1914 120. Mrs. Lizzie Carlton 9/1900 121. Nora Carlton 9/1904 122. Cora Carlton 9/1904 123. Minnie Cole 9/1904 124. Mrs. Frank Christman 125. Mrs. Mittie J. Cothran 9/1905 126. Susie Cothran (Ralston) 9/1908 127. Myrtle Cabler 9/1910 128. Mrs. Joe Cook 9/1910 129. Kitty Carlton 8/1914 130. Mary Carlton (McKnight) 8/1914 131. M. A. Cothran (Dyer) 8/1915 132. Mrs. Ruth Christman 8/1916 133. Susie G. Carlton (Beasley) 8/1916 134. Willie Carlton 135. Mrs. James Garrett 9/1910 136. Mrs. Blake Giles 8/1914 137. Lizzie Heath 5/1901 138. Teckie Holde 8/1903 139. Mrs. Lizzie Hale 9/1905

140. Annie L. Heath (Free) 9/1905

141. Mrs. Pearlie Heath 8/1912 142. Etta Heath (Smith) 8/1912 143. Clara Hale 9/1914 144. Mary Bell Hale 9/1914 145. Mamie Heath (Garrett) 8/1916 146. Mrs. Sue Jackson 6/1905 147. Vera Lamb (Jackson) 9/1905 148. Beatrice King 9/1910 149. Lattice King (Crick) 9/1910 150. Edie Lester 151. Mrs. Catherine Lester 7/1902 152. Bertha Lamb 8/1903 153. Cora Lamb (Brannon) 9/1904 154. Bealy Lamb (Hale) 9/1904 155. Hardy Lamb (Heath) 9/1905 156. Maggie Lamb (Pope) 9/1905 157. Mrs. Mary Taylor Lamb 9/1905 158. Jennie Lamb 9/1910 159. Mrs. Georgie Lamb 9/1910 160. Mrs. Bertha Lamb 8/1914 161. Tommie Lamb (Jackson) 8/1914 162. Vera Looney (Burns) 8/1915 163. Pearl Lamb 8/1916 164. Mrs. John Maxwell 8/1903 165. Minnie Maxwell (Taylor) (Lamb) 9/1903 166. Mrs. Joe Maxwell 9/1903 167. Ollie McElroy 9/1904 168. Mrs. Beatrice Maxwell 9/1904 169. Eula Maxwell 9/1904 170. Mrs. Alice Martin 9/1905 171. Rena Maxwell 10/1905 172. Olice Martin 9/1906 173. Myrtle Maxwell 9/1908 174. Maud Manire 9/1908 175. Jimmie Manire (Powers) 8/1912 176. Ester Manire (Crick) 8/1915 177. Fannie Powers (Taylor) 9/1900 178. Mrs. Susie Puckett 9/1903 179. Mrs. Jane Pope 9/1904 180. Repsie Pope 9/1904 181. Alice Puckett 9/1904 182. Annie M. Powers (Read) 183. Mrs. Kitty Taylor Powers 9/1905 184. Lou Pope (Heath) 9/1908 185. Ester Pope 9/1910 186. Parrie Puckett 9/1910 187. Ester Puckett 8/1912 188. Claris Pope 8/1914 189. Mrs. Nash Reid 9/1904

190. Parrie Read (Nance) (Powers) 9/1905

191. Rebecca Read (Brannon) 9/1908

192. Alma Read 8/1914

193. Ruby Read 8/1914

194. Avela Ralston (Wood) 8/1916

195. Carrie Underwood 8/1915

196. Mrs. W. H. H. Wood 4/1900

197. Florence Whitworth (Pinkerton) 9/1900

198. Nancy Whitworth (Carlton) 9/1900

199. Betty White 8/1903

200. Ola White 9/1904

201. Josie L. Williams 9/1906 B. W. Cole 5/1903

202. Mary White

203. Mrs. John Westbrook

204. Mrs. Richard Williams

Men: Before 1900

1.	Ben Arnold	32.	Tommy J. Heath
2.	William Brown	33.	Crockett Jones
3.	J. A. Carlton	34.	J. S. Jernigan 1897
4.	C. R. Comer	35.	R. S. Jernigan
5.	Silas Christman	36.	Frank Jackson
6.	B. J. Crutchfield	37.	L. W. Lamb
7.	Richard Coursey	38.	W. O. Lamb
	T. H. Carlton	39.	Horace Lamb
9.	J. W. Carlton	40.	N. F. Lamb
10.	Hardin Carlton	41.	Johnny Landrum
11.	W. G. Cole		Billy Landrum
12.	Frank Christman		W. J. Maxwell
13.	S. M. Crick	44.	John Maxwell
	G. W. Comer	45.	Robert Morrison
15.	William Cook	46.	Henry Maxwell
16.	John Duncan		Watt McClaran
17.	Joe Dyer	48.	R. F. Peyton
18.	Bowling Featherstone	49.	J. H. Peyton
	Joe Green	50.	T. J. Puckett
20.	T. W. Garrett	51.	Harvey Reid
21.	James Garrett 9/1896	52.	Thomas Rutledge
	David Heath	53.	J. E. Reid
23.	W. H. Heath	54.	James T. Read
24.	Henry Heath	55.	B. F. Rutledge
25.	J. W. Haynes	- 56.	Robert Reid
26.	F. M. Heath	57.	F. G. Sharp
27.	C. B. Heath	58.	W. R. Taylor
28.	D. R. Hale	59.	C. C. Underwood
20	Machaels Halo	60	Elatahan Undanwood

29. Mashack Hale 60. Fletcher Underwood 30. Samuel Hale 61. Lum Underwood

31. K. P. Heath

62. John Westbrook

63. Sammie Westbrook

64. William H. Westbrook 69. Clotho Westbrook

65. Walter S. Winn 10/1884

66. John T. Wilson

67. L. L. Whitehead

68. Alfred West, Jr.

70. Aubrey Westbrook

71. John H. Wilson

72. D. Calvin Young

Men: 1900-1916

73. J. B. Brannon 9/1905

74. J. H. Barnes 9/1905 103. N. W. Lamb 8/1914

75. Horace Brannon 9/1910 104. N. W. Looney 8/1915

76. Grover Brannon 9/1912 105. Dave Manire 9/1904

77. B. W. Cole 5/1903

78. Tommie Carlton

79. Bob Carlton

80. Robert Carlton

81. Sammie Carlton

82. Alf Carlton

83. Frank Carlton 9/1908

84. Willie Christman 8/1916

85. Tommie Christman

86. Willie Carlton

87. Ross Dyer 9/1908

88. Sam Holden 8/1903

89. R. L. Hollowell 8/1912

90. J. L. Jackson 6/1905

91. Smith Hale 8/1914

92. Pate Jackson 9/1905

93. J. R. Jackson

94. James Jernigan 9/1910

95. George Lester 7/1902

96. Ben Lamb

97. Joe M. Lamb 9/1905

98. T. H. Lamb 9/1906

99. T. A. Lamb 9/1906

100. W. H. Lamb, Jr. 9/1908

101. Snell Lamb 9/1910

102. Ellis Lamb 8/1912

106. F. M. Maxwell 9/1904

107. Homer Maxwell 9/1908

108. Conard Mangrum 9/1912

109. J. N. Puckett 9/1903

110. Vinson Powers 9/1904

111. Robert Pope 9/1904

112. J. W. Powers 9/1905

113. Gran Pope 9/1910

114. James W. Pope 9/1910

115. Charles Pope 9/1910

116. Ivy Powers

117. Ed Puckett 8/1912

118. Wash Powers 8/1914

119. Arthur Powers 8/1914

120. Horace Reid 9/1904

121. Ed Rutledge 9/1904

122. Sammie Rutledge 9/1906

123. Tom H. Read 9/1910

124. Dewitt Read 9/1910

125. Marvin Rutledge 8/1912

126. Bennie Smotherman 8/1912

127. W. H. H. Wood 7/1900

128. Henry Webb 9/1910

129. Vernon White 8/1912

130. Richard Williams 8/1916

A complete list of pastors is not available. Other than the two men already mentioned, Charley Hale is the only one known to have served in the 1900's. He was the pastor in the latter part of the 1890's. Since that time, these men, in the following order, have served as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church; J. D. Smith, J. A. Carlton, Sammie C. Reid, C. S. Dillon, H. A. Russell, Jess Sullivan, Jim Ramsey, H. A. Russell, Wayne Tarpley, B. V. Christian, J. W. Higgins, Leonard Arbuckle, J. V. Braswell, Mylers Ayers, David Lawler, Clifford Horn, Jess Williams, Wendell Knight, Gwyndol Love, E. Floyd Olive, Douglas O'Brien, Jess Williams, Donald Ricks, James H. Carter, Darrell Whaley, Wilmur Lamm, Jess W. Love and Brent Page.

Known deacons of the church are: John E. Maxwell, John W. Powers, Ben Heath, O. T. Ralston, N. W. Lamb, R. J. Garrett, Grover C. Brannon, Robert R. Smith, Herbert S. Garrett, B. W. Carlton, Richard A. Williams, Otho Nance, Walter Giles, James Carlton, Harold Ralston, Edmond Wright, Gayle Hayes, Bud Nance and Eugene Ralston.

The following have served as clerks of the church: S. Monroe Crick, J. Ed Reid, Horace Reid, Clarence Puckett, Richard J. Garrett, Harry Puckett, Vashti Manier Jakes (the first woman clerk), W. Eris Read, Walter Giles, Gayle Hayes, Nancy Ralston, Gayle Hayes and Edmond Wright. The present clerk is Ruth Ann Manning Burris.

In July 1900, the Missionary Church held a four day meeting of the Duck River Association. Since this was a major undertaking during those days, the Primitive Baptists and others in the community opened their homes to the many visitors who had to stay over night because of transportation difficulties. The church building was overflowing with people each day. Charley Hale was the pastor at this time.

On March 19, 1904, the church met in business conference. David Heath brought up the question of ascertaining whether the Primitive Church would buy or sell interest in the church house. A committee, composed of J. E. Reid, T. W. Garrett and J. N. Puckett, was appointed to contact the Primitive brethren regarding this. Response from the Primitive church must have been negative on both counts, for on April 16, in conference, the Missionary Church members discussed the building of a new church house. To this end, J.E. Reid, John Maxwell, David Heath, W. J. Maxwell, J. N. Puckett and S. M. Crick were chosen as a building committee and were asked to raise the necessary funds. Three hundred and fifty dollars were subscribed at once.

Later, in June, the Primitive Baptist offered \$50 for the Missionary Baptists' half interest in the union church. The offer was rejected.

The new church was finished and dedicated on the Fifth Sunday in October, 1904. A Brother Golden (possibly a former pastor) preached the dedicatory sermon. After the sermon, sufficient funds were raised to pay the balance due on the new structure.

During this period of time and the following year, approximately fifty new members were added to the church. Some Primitive Baptists moved their membership to the

Missionary Church. Sammie Reid was the pastor during this period.

A two-day associational meeting was held in August, 1910. In order to accommodate the huge crowds, services were held in both church buildings.

The service flag, during World War I, contained five blue stars. Those in service for their country were Horace Brannon, Alfred Carlton, Thomas Lamb, Ivie Powers and Vernon White.

During the period 1910-1918, the church removed from its roll several members who had become affiliated with a new religious group that had developed in the Concord-Rockvale area. This group later became known as the Church of God and is now an active church near Concord. Also, letters were granted to several members so that they could join a new Missionary Baptist Church which had been established at Longview in Bedford County.

The church was still exercising severe disciplinary action on its members in the early 1900's. A "Corresponding Committee" and a "Visiting Committee" to investigate members accused of certain conduct were appointed. Non-attendance, non-support of the church financially, denying the faith, swearing, dancing, lying, drinking, and card playing are examples of this action. Some members were reprimanded or "brought before the church," but remained in good standing after "repenting of their sins" and agreeing to try to do better. Other members were excluded and taken from the roll of the church. As late as July 1916, two members were excluded for immoral conduct.

Sometime between 1926 and 1935, the Mt. Pleasant church left the Duck River Association of Baptist Churches and became a member of the Concord Association. The Concord Association met at Mt. Pleasant in 1945 and 1969.

Under the leadership of Pastor Wayne Tarpley, the church moved into a half time pastorate on April 1941. A full time pastorate was instituted in the mid-1940's.

Those men of the church who served in the armed forces during World War II were: M. B. Carlton, J. B. Cothran, Thomas Garrett, Robert Kelton, Irvin Lamb, Rutledge Looney, Robert Kenneth Smith and Allen Williams. One gold star were placed on the service flag for Robert Kenneth Smith who died in an airplane crash over England.

Pastor Leonard Arbuckle was holding a revival in 1944 and for the first time in the history of the church one of its young men was ordained to the gospel ministry. This young man was William Carlton who has held several pastorates in the Concord Association. Ralph Brannon, also under the pastorate of Leonard Arbuckle, surrendered to the ministry in 1948. Michael Giles, now a minister in Chesterfield, South Carolina, was ordained into christian service as a preacher in July 1973. Darrell Whaley was the pastor.

Originally, the present church building was just one large room with large windows on each side and three front entrances, including a set of double doors. The only heat source was a large wood burning stove near the center of the room. The building has been renovated several times in recent years, Sunday School rooms have been added at two different times, new heating and lighting systems installed, new pews purchased, air-conditioning units added, and inside plumbing installed. A pastorium, built in 1960 by Arthur Powers and members of the church, stands near the church on land donated by Grady Adcock. Burns Clark dug the well, without charge, to supply water for the house. Gwyndol Love was the pastor.

Since 1800, when it was first organized, this rural Baptist Church has been an active one, even during its most trying times. It remains so today.

The Methodist Church, Known as the Concord Society Compiled by Sara Steagall Lowe

The original Methodist Church in the Versailles area was located $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of Versailles, on the now Jackson Ridge Road, on land now owned by the heirs of Will D. Smotherman. The home located on the property is now using two of the three hand hewn limestone steps originally used by the church, the only known remains of the original church building. Henceforth, the original building will be referred to as the "Old" Concord Church.

Within a few years the church moved to a location one-half mile closer to Versailles, which is now on Highway 99 and the intersection known as Concord, which was named because of the "Concord Society" Church located there. The land for this second church location on the southeast corner of the intersection and approximately two acres, was given by C. B. Farris and J. O. Sharber as recorded in Deed Book 36, Rutherford County Register of Deeds office, dated 14

June 1853, this being the earliest known valid date related to this Methodist Church. This second building was two-story, entirely of cedar, with dimensions approximately forty feet square. The ground floor was a school room and on the south end of the building a broad stairway led up to the church. The church continued to be used for a period of 56 years. The report to the Fourth Quarterly Conference on September 11, 1886, stated that

Concord house and grounds are properly secured to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by deed, is free from debt, is in comfortable condition, will seat 300 persons and valued at \$800.00.

After occupying this second church building for approximately 34 years, church officials moved to sell house and lot known as the "Old" Concord Church, the funds to be used on the building presently occupied by the Concord Society. During the pastorate of J. W. Collum, the committee consisting of J. P. Smotherman, F. P. Love, R. W. Farris made their report to the Quarterly Conference, August 20, 1887, that they had sold "Old" Concord Church and lot to Eugene Parks in April, 1887 for \$50.00. Deed recorded 22 June, 1891, Deed Book 32, Rutherford County Register of Deeds office.

The church Register of Concord Society, Murfreesboro District, Tennessee Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, lists the first pastor assignment as Z. W. Moore, 15 October 1879. The first member whose entry bore a date was in 1878.

Due to growth of the membership, a committee was appointed to make a canvass of the church and community to ascertain as nearly as possible the practicability of building a new church.

It was much later when the First Quarterly Conference, held on 12 Dec. 1908, resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Concord Church be authorized to sell such part of the present church and ground on which it is situated as may seem best and be further authorized to invest the proceeds of said sale in other grounds and in building thereon a new house of worship. Provided, however, that before the sale is made the said trustees shall have secured 3/4 of the total amount needed as prescribed in the Discipline. Said estimate to be made by a committee to be appointed by this conference. F. P. Love, W. M. Steagall, and W. A. Brannon were appointed the holding committee referred to in the resolution adopted.

The second church/school and grounds were sold to the Rutherford County Board of Education. Much of the building was used in the first Rockvale School Building, including many of the long church benches and the bell which is still in use in the present school. The land was later bought back by the church.

By 3 Mar. 1909, the new house of worship was being built directly across the road from the second church/school location and was dedicated in late spring of 1909. The Reverend J. W. Swann was pastor at this time.

The second Church Register of the Concord Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun 21 June 1909.

The church building erected in 1909 with more recent additions has been used continuously by the Concord United Methodist Church.

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Murfreesboro District, Tennessee Conference METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Nashville, Tennessee: Southern Methodist Publishing House, 1879

REGISTER OF PASTORS

Name	Date of Appointment			Term of Service
James 5. Gray				ti wasanin Al
Z.W. Moores	Oct.	15,	1879	Two years
H. J. Ivie	Oct.	15,	1881	Two years
T. B. Fisher	Oct.	15,	1883	Two years
J. J. Pitts	Oct.	15,	1885	One year
J. W. Collum	Oct.	15,	1886	Three years
F. W. Johnson	Oct.	15,	1889	Two years
John R. Thompson	Oct.	15,	1891	Two years
G. W. Blanton	Oct.	15,	1893	Two years
J. Winford	Oct.	15,	1895	One year
J. A. Bridges	Oct.	15,	1896	One year
G. M. Keathley	Oct.	20,	1897	One year
M. P. Woods	Oct.	20,	1898	One year

Name for	Date of Appointment	Term of Service
Cont'd		
J. C. Keathley	Oct. 24, 1900	Two years
G. W. Blanton	Oct. 24, 1902	One year
Allen Miller	Oct. 24, 1903	Two years
J. W. Swann	Oct. 24, 1905	Four year
(As listed from original	Membership Roll a	
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Committee of Assessment,	Nov. 21, 1880	
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3. James A. Nully		
4. Randolph N. Sharber	29. John C.	
5. Ely A. Seay	30. Samuel R	
6. Elijah Wilson	31. S. J. Ho	
7. Richard W. Faris	32. Noah A.	
8. Charles A. D. Faris		Whitehead
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41. J. D. Wiggins

42. James E. Thomas

43. Nannie E. North

44. Mary J. Castleman

45. Helen Sharber

16. J. P. T. Smotherman

19. Ransom P. Harris

20. John N. Harris

21. James P. Harris

22. James E. Jackson

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24. John M. Brannon

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151. Martha T. Well 184. Levania Bell Haynes 152. Cora Sutton 185. Ernest B. Fleming 153. Berry Rowland 186. Clarence Dunn 154. Sarah Rowland 187. Mrs. Josie Downing 155. Elias T. Smotherman, Jr. 188. Tida Rowland 189. J. W. Farris 156. Fred Smotherman 157. John D. Smotherman 190. Elizabeth Farris 158. Ethel Smotherman 191. Sallie Farris 192. Sue Farris 159. L. D. Smotherman 193. Annie Clark 160. Mrs. Laura Blanton 161. Will Ransom Harris 194. Minos Brannon 195. Eddie Manning 162. Sue Ella Harris 163. Mrs. Tennie Brannon 196. Mary Lou Manning 197. Annie Lou Gray 164. Lizzie Manning 198. Robert Gray 165. Josie G. Smotherman 166. Mrs. W. E. Beasley 199. Mary Faris Rowland 167. Richard A. Steagall 200. Mary Dyer 201. Eula Lamb 168. Mary Callie Steagall 202. Lena Faris 169. Susan E. Steagall 170. William M. Steagall 203. Kizzie Faris 204. R. L. Brown 171. Benjamin D. Steagall 205. Sallie Bell Manning 172. Sallie A. Harris 173. W. H. Haynes 206. Kate Love 207. Lorna Blanton 174. Louisa Haynes 175. Emma Windrow 208. Miriam Blanton 176. Mrs. M. M. Rowland 209. John F. Webb 177. Lizzie Whitehad 210. Mrs. Sallie Stevens 211. Noah Stevens 178. Docia A. Keathley 179. A. J. Chadwell 212. Mrs. S. E. Dyer 213. Mrs. Lou Miller 180. Martha Chadwell 214. Lila Miller 181. William C. Chadwell 182. Julia Chadwell 215. Birdie Miller 183. Kate Chadwell

Duplication of some names was caused by moving away and returning their membership at a later date. This is a complete listing of the original membership roll. Mr. J. D. Wiggins was listed as a member as of April, 1878, by letter. His was the first listed with a date. The last member listed in the original membership book was dated 7 October, 1907.

Jacksons Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church Compiled by Maude Ghee Reeves

Jackson's Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in the 10th District of Rutherford County, Tennessee, stands between Rockvale and Eagleville, 13 miles southwest of Murfreesboro, 1.6 miles northwest of Concord and Highway 99--the Jackson Ridge Road running immediately east of the church. Organized about 1828 or 1829, the church is situated on the old Jackson's Ridge Camp Ground on land sold by Thomas Jackson in 1833.

In 1881, the present structure was built. Construction is of yellow poplar beams, covered with poplar siding. It is filled with seats, using those out of the little log structure. Dedication service was held for this new Cumberland Presbyterian house of worship in October, 1881, and minutes of that service follow:

Last Sunday, the 9th Inst., the new Cumberland Presbyterian Church, situated on the old Jackson's Ridge Camp Ground, was dedicated. By the time the services began, fully five hundred persons were present.

The new church is built about two hundred yards west of the old Camp Ground, and near the graveyard. It is forty feet wide, sixty feet in length, and is capable of seating over two hundred persons. The cost of the church when completed will be near \$1,000.00, which has been subscribed. The contractor, Mr. Hendrix, has finished it in master workman style, and it will long remain a monument to his skill.

Seated in the pulpit were Revs. T. B. Ivie, Thomas R. Hutchison, G. W. McMurry, and T. F. Bates. Rev. Bates read the agreement with contractor for the erection of the church, and a statement from the elders that the contract had been faithfully complied with. He also read a list of those who were authorized to receive the unpaid subscriptions. The dedication services commenced by Rev. Ivie reading the 16th Chapter of Isaiah. Rev. McMurry then outlined 84th hymn which was sung by the congregation and prayer was then offered by Rev. Hutchison. Rev. McMurry, the pastor of the church, then read the following statement given a brief history of the church at Jacksons Ridge.

Jackson's Ridge Church was organized about 1828 or 1829, and from the information by Rev. John King, the little log house near this was built about 1829, the logs being hauled to the place by Benjamin Taylor, Esq.

Among those who have preached at Jackson's Ridge at the Camp Meetings held here, or served as its pastors, may be mentioned as follows: Revs. John King, Willis Burgess, Elisha Hendrix, Joseph Crawford, William B. Garratt, Henry B. Warren, James B. Porter, N. P. Modrall, Riley Smotherman, L. C. Ransom, W. W. Hendrix, Jessie Lamb, T. F. Bates, W. F. Sullivan, W. H. White and G. P. Hastings. The first man that ever preached on this hill was Porter Rankin. Among those who have professed religion here and gone out to preach the gospel to perishing sinners may be mentioned as follows: W. W. Hendrix, L. S. Ransom, T. M. Hendrix and W. W. Hendrix. Camp meetings were held here from 1831 to 1856, and it is believed that scores and hundreds of souls have been converted at this place and have gone home to Heaven.

The vicissitudes of the war left the church weak and disorganized and about the year 1868, Rev. T. F. Bates came and reorganized the church with eighteen members, had a glorious revival, and many were brought into the fold. Gracious revivals have been enjoyed from time to time and with our house now to be dedicated to God we feel like saying, "The Lord is our helper, and we will take courage and go forward."

The officials of the church at present are T. L. Hendrix, Joseph F. Brooks, T. N. Jackson, James Smith, elders; and W. J. Clark, deacon. The congregation sang the hymn beginning with "I love they Kingdom Lord," at the conclusion of which Rev. Bates read the 4th verse of the 84th Psalm of David: "Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. They will be still praising Thee, SeLah." Before commencing his sermon dedicating the house to the worship of God, Rev. Bates made a few remarks, comparing the present with the past, when he first appeared before them in the little log church and began the work of

building up a congregation. He alluded in a tender and feeling way to many whose faces were once familiar to them all but had passed away and gone to their reward in Heaven. His sermon was an excellent one, and was listened to attentively. At the conclusion of his sermon, Rev. McMurry prayed after which the congregation sang, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Bates.

The entire neighborhood had made the arrangements to entertain all present, and with that generosity which knows no limit. In company with several others we dined at the hospitable mansion of Mr. Joseph F. Brooks. He and his excellent wife have passed through the flowery fields of life and are now on the shady side, but with hearts as loving as when they began life's battles together in the bright days of youth. They know how to entertain, and their hospitality is combined with a knowledge of how to make everyone feel at home while at their house.

We are requested to return thanks to those who subscribed to the erection of the church; to especially thank Miss Dora Jackson and Mrs. F. P. Love for the handsome cushion and pitcher for the pulpit, and to assure each and every one who in any way donated to the erection and completion of the church that their favor is appreciated and for which they will ever be held in the kindest remembrance."

The church grew to a membership of seventy-five communicants by the spring of 1889, with a reported enrollment in Sabbath School of 90. Although the number of communicants had dropped to 42 by 1907 (the last statistical report on record), the church maintained a strong congregation.

During the early 1920's, regular Saturday night singings commenced at the church and were well attended. It is said these singings were organized by 0. L. Gee and Mrs. Lillie Burns (Ralston) Christman, and through their combined efforts the singings kept going until about 1935. Also during that period some singing schools were taught at the church by Redmond Walls. Roscoe Frost, a pioneer in gospel

singing, relates "Back then this church had, among others, four large Clark families and they could all sing.

In spite of the fact that by 1935 many members had moved away from the community and the church did not have the flourishing congregation that it had in the past, services were held with fairly good attendance until the early 1950's. The death of Mrs. Lillie Christman in 1953 was a great loss to the church. She had been the church clerk since 1921; a strong supporter of the church, she was one of its few old members still residing in the community. By the early 1960's a diminishing trend in attendance had taken its toll and the church became inactive.

Among those who have served as pastors of the church in addition to those mentioned in the Dedication Minutes are: Revs. Sam Gentry, George Gentry, J. C. Bradford, Bill Ralston, M. H. Wakefield, Aubrey McClaren, and James Smith.

In 1971, the church having fallen into disuse, Presbytery proposed to sell both the church and the cemetery--whose stones mark the graves of many interred there over a century ago. Vigorous public protests (from as far away as Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, and California) of this projected attempt, combined with the expertise of the late Mabry Covington, an attorney from Williamson County, Tennessee, a man who had a keen appreciation of old things, saved this landmark.

Jackson's Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church is a happy love story to many, and a monthly singing in August 1973 had its beginning in the love story of Elroy Holton, Eagleville, Tennessee. He said he met his wife at a Jackson's Ridge singing in the 1920's, and that he wanted to hear one more singing there. He gave money to buy songbooks for the church, so the songbooks were bought and the church was put in readiness for the singing. The attendance of many "old timers" at this singing, the majority no longer residing in the community, combined with others, packed the house and a monthly singing commenced. Offerings taken at these signings combined with donations from interested persons provide the church its sole support. In 1974, through the active and willing involvment of many persons (to include the neighboring Church of God minister, Rev. Pirkey) long needed repair of the church building began, consisting of a new roof and an outside coat of paint. Also, the cemetery was fenced. Later, a new ceiling, wall paneling, and storm windows and doors were provided.

These monthly singings at first were conducted by Robert Harrell, a member of the Willing Heirs Quartet, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and he was succeeded by Gene Stem who is serving his seventh year. Mr. Stem is a member of the Singing Stem Family, College Grove, Tennessee. This group has attended all but two of these monthly singings, making it a key figure in the continuance of the gospel being carried in song at Jackson's Ridge.

The church is still without a pastor. In this rural setting of about ten churches within a 10-mile radius, four being Cumberland Presbyterian, it would seem that to place this church in proper perspective it would take a Cumberland Presbyterian pastor with the likes of Rev. T. F. Bates (1868). Whatever the future holds, it is the writer's impression that Jackson's Ridge church deserves a special place.

. . . And thus was this poor church left, like an ancient mother, grown old and forsaken of her children (though not in their affections), yet in regard of their bodily presence and personal helpfulness. Her ancient members being most of them worn away by death, and these of later time like children translated into other families, and she like a widow left only to trust in God. Thus she that had made many rich became herself poor.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Deed Book L, p. 397, Williamson County, Tennessee $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes of Session, (1873-1931), Jackson's Ridge CP Church 3/ Of Plimouth Plantation, 1642, Bradford, Wm.

JACKSON'S RIDGE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Organized in 1828 or 1829

Register of Communicants, taken from Minutes of Sessions book that is dated 1872:

William White
Joseph F. Brooks
Frances Brooks
Elizabeth Hendrix
Mary W. Downing
Mary R. Love
Eiga Ransom
Mary Manier
Mary A. Jackson

Mary A. Cozart
Rutha F. C. Covington
Nancy A. Taylor
William H. White
Thomas N. Jackson
Hester A. Prince
Mary A. B. Hendrix
Melissa A. Covington
A. R. Hendrix (1869)

1872

Thomas Meade Hendrix E. W. Hendrix Roxanna A. Jackson Martha Ann Hendrix Charlot Anderson Nancy Seay Margaret J. Wilson Julia W. Manier Mary L. Hendrix Thomas L. Hendrix

1873

James W. Smith L. V. Hendrix R. D. Maxwell William Clark Inda Waters Fanny A. B. Taylor John T. Eaves 1877 Emma Eaves William H. Heath Martha Ann Maxwell Hester Ann Brooks James K. Alcorn Franklin W. Taylor Willis T. O'Brien

1874

Andrew Edwards Mary Covington Emma Jackson Elroy E. Maxwell Sara G. Young J. J. Winsett Elizabeth Winsett Ruth E. Hendrix Catherine Halstead Ada Arman T. G. Underwood John Crosser Harden T. Russell Thomas Corbitt Irmes R. Covington James Mangrum Tennie M. Hendrix Sara Corbitt

Mary J. Featherston Richard Vaughn Anna Pugh Minerva Pugh Henry Rowland Frank Bourtan Margaret Taylor Elizabeth Taylor Rebecca Corbitt Joseph Moppin John Harris

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Fannie Clark

1878

H. C. Hinson Dolly Hinson Martha Glasco Parlee Vaughn James Vaughn

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J. C. Wiggins Dora Jackson

1881

Annie O. Bryant Willie F. Hendrix Cinda O. Bryant

Elizabeth Covington Julia J. Hendrix Macon Corbitt Emry Covington

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H. H. Simmons W. T. Russel S. A. Walden E. A. Waldenb
W. A. Walden N. A. Walden Jose Bryant Indiana Manier Anna E. Hendrix Martha Floyd Martha Simmons Elijah Bryant Thomas Covington Margaret Jones W. F. Brown J. H. Covington John Lowrance Hardy Simmons

1884

Freeland Jackson
Lena Rieves
Anna Hayes
Lilla Sharber
Miss Thommie L. Hendrix
Jessa Walden

1885

Mary S. E. Hendrix
Coquillar Floyd
Wilborn Floyd
James F. Felpth
J. A. Turner
E. L. Turner
Miss L. E. Turner
Mrs. R. F. Turner
Andrew T. Turner

1886

Thomas Smotherman
Mary J. Smotherman
Dovey Smotherman
J. W. Vaughan
Laura Jane Moppins

1887

Ander M. Vaughan
James P. Harris
Sallie Holden
Elenora Hinson
Susan Vaughan
Richard Vaughan
Charles B. Rieves

1888

Violer Vaughn Laura Vaughn

1889

Sallie B. Smotherman
Kittie Walls
Ella Hayes
Lulia Vaughan
Nannie Simmons
Miss Laura Hayes
Connie Ella Clark
Fannie Turner
Ada Bryant
Rebecca Smotherman
Claria Jackson
P. M. Smotherman
David Prewett
Ivy P. Burns

1890

Mrs. S. A. Steele
Richard Corbitt
Samuel Walden
Martha Walden
Cora Moppins
Katie C. Vaughan
Anna Smotherman
Nannie Rieves
Ellen Sharber
G. W. Steel
G. Whitus

1891

Effie Love

1893

D. C. Ralston
W. T. Clark
J. M. Clark
Miss M. A. Jones
Eula E. Vaughan
S. A. McDaniel
Dora A. Woods

1896

Lemuel Manier George Moppins

1897

Theodore Steel
Della Windrow
Martha Morgan
Alice Mosley
Gracie S. Walden

1898

Jimmy Clark

1899

W. L. Rowland Maggie Walden Miss Samuel C. Wray

1900

Nancie E. Taylor Elisha W. Ogles Fannie A. Ogles Bishop M. Ogles

1901

Miss Talitha E. Harris Elizabeth T. Harris James L. Belefant

1903

William T. Holton
Mary E. Holton
Maggie L. Covington

1907

Julia Mai Clark Mary E. Clark

1908

Esten Holton
Vernel Ogles
Dock Ogles
Willie Clark
W. R. Covington
J. L. Davis
Maggie Underwood
Minnie J. Clark

1909

Pearl Windrow Lillie Burns

1919

Mrs. Bill Vaughn
Nettie Clark
Cleara Clark
John A. Clark
Fannie Clark
Melvin Clark
Grady Clark

1920

Myrtle Vaughn Horace Mosley Mrs. Horace Mosley

1921

Tom Maxwell
G. W. McDaniel
Ollie West
Buford Ralston
Robert Holder
Oddie Lee Windrow
Jessie Melvin Windrow
James Earl Vaughn
Charlie Joe Dalton
Ida Manier
Rose Vaughn
Alma Vaughn

Pearl Holder

Carrie Elizabeth Clark Minnie Geneva Clark Willie Gray Windrow Susie Frances McDaniel Frank Hill D. C. Manier Mack Hayes
Lizzie Manier Myrtle Hayes
mary Bertha McDaniel Jimmie Mosley willie Eva Clark
Eleanor Clark

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Lee Burns

J. T. Hinson Annie Hinson Grace Hinson 1939 Annie Maude Hinson Ada Taylor

Willie Taylor

Sallie McDaniel

Addie Lynch

George Lynch

George Lynch

Jimmie Dee Clark

Eron Burns

1941

Susie Underwood

Erlean Burns 1927

Virginia Belefant 1953

John Lem Windrow John Lem Windrow James Windrow James Windrow
Maggie Jane Windrow
Oscar Rowland
Mary Frances Clark

James W. Windrow
Lula Mai Morgan
Maude Gee Mary Frances Clark
Nannie Lou Clark
Wilburn Windrow
Eldredge Windrow
William Maxwell
Willie May Vaughan
Amelia Windrow Amelia Windrow

Johnnie Hill Bula Holton
Pearl Holder Bula Holton Ethel Whitley

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John Bellefant

Minnie Hill Minnie Hill Eva Whitley

Jessie Lee Lynch

Irvin McDaniel
Henry McDaniel
Earline McDaniel
Johnny McDaniel
Johnny McDaniel
Marie Hinson
Robbie Lee Belefant
Virginia Belefant

The Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church Compiled by Bess Williams and John Nance

The organization of the Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church began in the early 1880's after many years of meeting in private homes, brush arbor meetings, etc.

Following a brush arbor meeting the location of a building and organization was virtually completed overnight. A Community Church was established one mile west of Highway 99 on the Snail Shell Cave Road, with Rev. W. A. Bridges as the first pastor. Comments have been handed down that Nancy Virginia Carlton said. "It is so interesting and exciting we ladies didn't hardly have time to chalk our faces." The building served the Church for approximately five years and was sold to the A.M.E. Church. It is still in use by that community.

The Community Church was not connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church but was the forerunner of the present Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The present building, located one-fourth mile north of Rockvale Store, on the east side of Highway 99, was erected on acreage given by Frank M. Carlton by recorded deed dated 18 Jan. 1889. The establishment of the Rockvale Church provided the denomination with Cumberland Presbyterian Churches at: Mount Vernon, Jackson Ridge, Rockvale, Lebanon, Rocksprings, Fosterville, Lytles Creek, Mount Tabor, Lascassas, Jerusalem and Murfreesboro, It was an exceptionally close organization.

The first pastor at the present location (1889) was Rev. T. Mead Hendrix. Other pastors have been: J. C. Lamb, F. Z. King, J. N. Holt, N. B. Crawford, R. L. Stem, E. H. Roy, W. M. Freeze, H. R. Allen, A. H. Sykes, W. M. Zarecor, George Coleman, Hudry Copeland, Malsom D. Hooker, H. Shelby Lee, John S. Smith, George Burroughs, Fred Bryson, Joe Ben Irby, P. E. Shepherd, Minor Powers, R. H. Hall, Don Clark, J. E. McCluney, E. W. Johnson, Joe D. Farmer, Hudson London, James Shane, C. M. Prince, Don Tabor, Carl V. Easterwood, Lloyde Noble, Daryl Parks, and D. P. McGeachy.

The first elders were: Jim Shead, Joseph Hutcherson, R. L. Whitus, Wick Holden, J. M. Smith and Charlie Comer. It is recognized today that these men were instrumental in locating and organizing the Church at its present location. Others who have served are: Minos B. Carlton, T. N. Jackson, T. R. Whitus, F. F. Holden, J. N. Martin, Frank Christopher, C. E. Yeargan, J. C. Hale, M. T. Vaughan, C. W. Puckett, H. J. Nance, I. E. (Bud) Carlton, Grady Woodson

Grady Thomas, Bob Rushing, Earnest Carlton and Virgil Sharber.

Early membership records prior to 1950 were destroyed by fire in the burning of H. J. Nance's home, and duplicate records have not been located or compiled.

Information furnished by older members of the Church, Presbytery and known facts. The Church continues active and growing in most phases of the religious community.

West Point Methodist Church (Black) Compiled by Kitty Brooks Nance and Alvin Jarrett

During many years prior to 1884, at which time Squire Frank Carlton gave the building site for a church on the eastern edge of the village of Rockvale, which became the present Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the congregation of that Church had been worshipping in a building which stood on the Snail Shell Cave Road near the Farris Sawmill. On completion of the new building at Rockvale, the congregation of the Methodist Church (black) bought the vacated building, which is still standing today. The Methodist Conference (black) has a deed showing that it was bought. Some of the men who were sent by the Conference to serve this Church as pastors were by the names of: Ledbetter, Swift, Harris, Merritt, Miller, Scott, Alexander, Stokes. Some of the members of the Church were: Abe Kern, Amanda Nance, Phoebe Jarrett, Abe Jarrett, Minerva Jarrett, Moses Jackson, Helen Jackson, Ella Haynes, Rob Haynes, Ola Haynes Fagan, Jimmie Bracy, Ida Bracy, Lula Carlton, Mattie Winsett, Maria Jackson, Annie Jackson, Ivie Luster, Ella Seay Luster, Alvin Jarrett, Richard Jarrett, Thomas Jarrett, Clarence Johnson, Lucille Johnson, Kitty Brooks Nance, Tom Seay, Elnora Seay, Frank Seay, Lizzie Seay.

Midway Church of Christ Compiled by Rubilee Gillespie Powers

The first Church of Christ at Rockvale was built in the early 1900's. Robert "Bob" and Tenny Brothers donated one acre of ground for the building. The land was a triangle shape of land bounded by Thompson Road, Bob Brothers, and Highway 99. It was given this name "Midway" because of its geographic location between Eagleville and Murfreesboro.

Some of the first members were Robert and Tenny

Brothers, the Bob Hayes family, the Milton Tolbert family and the Cleve Brothers family. L. B. Jones preached the first sermon at Midway.

As some families moved away and some married and were scattered, the Church was disbanded in 1925. In later years it was given to another church and it retained the name Midway on the request of Robert (Bob) Brothers. The land was sold for \$15.00 to Mose Jackson and heirs.

Church of God (Black) Compiled by Ethel Seay Batts

Taz Brooks had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years; however, in 1919 Taz Brooks, the Jim Arnold family, with help from others, built a small church on the right side of the Versailles Road about a hundred yards south of the Rockvale store. This building stood in front of the school house already discussed in this volume. The name given this new church was The Original Church of God. Quite a few people around Rockvale and the Whitus Road area placed their membership there. Among these early members were: Taz Brooks, Sally Brooks, Frank Seay, Mary Seay, Maude Seay, Alta Seay, Jim Arnold, Nancy Arnold, Jim Arnold, Jr., Maggie Arnold, Nannie Arnold, Virginia Arnold, Willie Arnold, Margaret Cooper, Alice Knight, Napoleon Smith, Helen Jackson, Lilly Smith, Annie Hale Smith, Robert Smith, Alexander Smith, Charlie Smith. The pastor was Brother Gray. After a time, the Jim Arnold family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, Taz Brooks and Sally Brooks died, and interest in the Church declined; the doors remained closed for a long time.

About 1945, Fannie Lowe from Murfreesboro came to Rockvale and began holding services in the Church. New members began to join: John Henry and Ethel Seay Batts with some of their children, Richard Murray, Ben Murray, Violet May Murray, Raymond Luster, B. A. Luster. Interest in the Church revived. The building was enlarged and modern conveniences were installed. After the death of Fannie Lowe, B. A. Luster, a local resident, was chosen pastor. He has served for thirty years.

The Church of God Compiled from notes left by Oden Williams

The group of people who organized The Church of God met in the Jackson Ridge School building for worship. In

1911 the Church bought a lot for \$75.00 located about one-half mile northwest of Concord on the Jackson Ridge Road. For one hundred dollars a one-room frame building was erected. The first service was held on April 20, 1912. The first regular pastor was R. H. Craig. Among those who were most active in the Church were Tennie Williams, her daughter, Oden, and her three sons, Tom, Albert and Houston. Descendants of this family are still active members today. During 1944 Sunday School rooms were added and in 1955 a new brick building was erected.

Rockvale Church of Christ Information furnished by Rubilee Gillespie Powers

In the fall of 1943, a Gospel Meeting was held in the Rockvale schoolhouse and following the meeting, the local congregation was organized with Charles S. Locke of Murfreesboro as the first regular pastor. Charter members were: Pearl Williams, Mattie Mai Lamb, James and Aileen Lyon, Searcy and Lizzie Bell Ralston, Miriam Woodson, Lottie Sharber, Bertha McKnight, James Porter McKnight, Leonard and Lillian Whiteworth and Rubilee Powers. The group met regularly at Pearl Williams home until 1944. An acre of ground was given by Ed Worley and a building was erected that year with the help of other dedicated men from local congregations.

The first service in the new Church was 10 Dec. 1944. Charles S. Locke preached the dedication sermon. The present pastor is Robert A. Vick. The Church continues to grow.

THE CARLTON FAMILY

The Carltons are fair-skinned, blue-eyed, usually blond and short to medium in stature. They are good-natured, affectionate and love to sing.

Richard Carlton (Ca. 1720 - Ca. 1790) whose wife, Mary _____, was born either in Chester, Pennsylvania or Argyleshire, Scotland. He is listed in the 1739 North Carolina Colonial Record, Chowan County, and received a land grant in Craven County, Province of North Carolina, 4 June 1740. He was a foot soldier commanded by Capt. Thomas Graves in Craven County, January 1751. His will presented 6 May 1790, in Craven Co., N.C., names issue: John, Richard, Thomas, Blake, Mary, Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rachel, Lydia, Frankey and Samuel.

Blake Carlton, Sr. (1750 - December 1783), son of Richard and Mary, married 23 August 1773, Fesiba Heath (1750 - ?).

Known issue: Blake Carlton, Jr. (1774-1780)

Benajah Carlton (1782-1850)

Thomas H. Carlton (Ca. 1785-____)

Benajah Carlton and his brother, Thomas H. Carlton, are the ancestors of all the Carltons in the Versailles Tenth District. They were two of three known grandsons of Richard Carlton.

Benajah Carlton, (17 Oct. 1782 - Oct. 1850), married Mary (1780 - 25 Dec. 1847), came to Rutherford County, Tennessee before 1810 census. Benajah purchased a total of $419\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in the area of Overall Creek and Armstrong Valley Road, Rutherford Co., and received 99 acres in two land grants from the State of Tennessee, between 1816 and 1831.

Issue: William Carlton (1812-1847)
Blake Carlton (1814-1856)
Kenion Carlton (1815-1880)
Frances Carlton (born Ca. 1815/1820)
Louisa Carlton (1818 -____)
Nancy Carlton (1820 - ____)
Martha Ann Carlton (1823 - 1874)

- I. William Carlton (30 Sept. 1812-May 1847) married 23 May
 1832, Emily "Milly" Rucker (1808-?).
 Issue:
- 1. Benajah Carlton (1834-1883) married 30 Sept. 1859 to Elizabeth Crick (15 Apr. 1836-12 Mar. 1913), daughter of Edmond and Josephine Andrews Crick. Benajah was a Tennessee Walking Horse trainer and a Baptist Minister. After his death, his family moved to Winona, Miss.
- 2. John Abner Carlton (22 Feb. 1837-15 May 1911) married 7 Mar. 1856 to wife No. 1, Louisa A. Haynes (22 Oct. 1839-25 Sept. 1887), daughter of Nathaniel and Minerva Haynes. John A. was a Baptist minister, and he also served as Rutherford County Trustee (Ca. 1905). John A. and Louisa lived near Windrow Rd. and Old Jackson Ridge Rd., where the Carlton Cemetery is located. Issue:
- (1) William J. Carlton (21 Jul. 1857-26 Oct. 1858).
- (2) Julia R. Carlton (10 Jan. 1859-May 1931) married 29 Sept. 1877 to Thomas A. Rutledge. Lived at Jackson Ridge. Issue: 8 children.

- James N. Carlton (7 Apr. 1860-Jul. 1936) (3) married Annis Williams. Issue: 5 children.
- (4) Sarah E. Carlton (9 Apr. 1862-?) married Dave R. Hale. Moved to Arkansas. Issue: children.
 - (5) John A. M. Carlton, died as small child.
 - (6) Nancy J. Carlton (14 Dec. 1865-?) married Joe H. Drye. Moved to Nashville. Issue: 7 Children. Children.
 - (7) Emily Ellen Carlton (17 Dec. 1865-Sept. 1918) married 28 Apr. 1887 to G. W. Burns. Lived at Jackson Ridge. Issue: 7 children. See Burns.
 - (8) Louisa A. Carlton (4 Apr. 1870-15 June 1958) married 5 Oct. 1910 to George W. Shoemaker. Lived at Eagleville. Issue: 1 daughter.
 - (9) Margaret M. Carlton (4 Jan. 1872-25 Oct. 1941) to J. R. Walden. Moved to Nashville. Issue: 5 children.
 - (10) Thomas B. Carlton (14 Dec. 1873-20 May 1955) married 1918 to Drucilla Scales. Lived in Murfreesboro. Issue: 3 children.
 - (11) Martha T. Carlton (31 Dec. 1875-Mar. 1902) married Willie Williams. Lived at Rockvale. Issue:
 - a. Josie Lee Williams (17 Jul. 1894-?) married A. C. Brown.
 - b. Oscar Williams (17 Feb. 1896-?) married (EBBL .. voM E-1981 ... Miriam
 - c. Mae Belle Williams, died young. d. Richard A. Williams (14 Feb. 1899-) married No. 1 Nettie Mae Frazier, and had issue of Willie Floyd Williams and married No. 2 Pearl Hall, and had issue of Allen Williams.
 - e. Mattie Lou Williams (20 Dec. 1900-?) married Sammie Lee Holton, son of Sam and Delia J. (Carlton) Holton.
 - (12) Delia Josie Carlton (9 Mar. 1878-6 Jul. 1948) married Sam Holton, son of John R. Holton and wife No. 2. Lived at Eagleville. Taxouff wash of all Issue:
 - Sammie Lee Holton married Mattie Lou a. Williams
 - b. John A. Holton married
 - Susie A. Holton married first, Hanson, and second, Howard Ralston.
 - d. Nannie Lou Holton married Roscoe Frost.
 - e. Cora Mai Holton died as child.
 - f. Jessie Ray Holton married Edith Haeger.
 - g. Eunice Pearl Holton married Charles Tracy

- h. Marie S. Holton married No. 1 Charles Daly, No. 2 Steve Bennett, No. 3 Bill
- Neece.

 i. Margaret Carlton Holton married Raymond Frost.
- j. Emily Ellen Holton married Earl Vaughan.
- k. Marietta Holton married Kyle Kaufman.
- (13) Mary Etta Carlton (28 Apr. 1880-Nov. 1941) married Willie Bennett. Moved to Nashville.
 Issue: 6 children.
- (14) Lillie Mae Carlton (8 Dec. 1884-Sept. 1910) married 24 Dec. 1905 to Leonard Morgan. Lived at Rockvale. Issue: 2 children.

1 daughter. John A. Carlton married 7 Mar. 1889 to No. 2 wife, Mrs. Lucinda C. (Williams) Kreuger (24 Jan. 1858-June 1899). Lucinda had a daughter by her first marriage: Caroline Kreuger married 10 Dec. 1893 to W. Oscar Inglis. They moved to Texas. John A. and Lucinda had issue:

- (1) Robert S. Carlton (18 May 1890-?) married 20 Oct. 1907 to Clemmie Little. Issue: 9 children
- (2) Cora Carlton (26 Oct. 1891-22 Dec. married 8 May 1910 to Fisher Boyce. Issue: 8 baranam (reasar children.
 - Nora Carlton (26 Oct. 1891-3 Nov. (3) 1953) married 23 Jul. 1916 to John N. Covington. See Covington.
- (4) Samuel G. Carlton (7 Nov. 1893-7 Nov. 1917) (5) Alfred B. Carlton (6 Apr. 1896-21 Nov. 1968) married 13 Dec. 1917 to Lonnie White. Issue:
- a. Annie Ruth Carlton, PhD., teacher at OSU
- b. Sammie Carlton married Sam Farris.
- c. James Alfred Carlton married Janice Harris.
 d. Charles Carlton married Hazel Manire.

 - (6) Francis "Frank" A. Carlton (9 June 1897-27 May 1933) married 19 Nov. 1916 to Mary Rucker Vaughan.

Issue:

- a. Mary Frances Carlton (20 Dec. 1917-
-) married Dowe Tomlin.
 b. Richard Carlton (1 Dec. 1919-___)
 married Marjorie Crick.
 c. Lou Ellen Carlton (4 Apr. 1922-___)
 married No. 1 Paul Crick, No. 2 Fred Eunice Pea. Hall. con serviced Cherles

d. Julia Marie Carlton (1 Jul. 1924-) married No. 1 A. Chapman, No. $\overline{2}$ R. Kenny. e. Rubye Carlton (13 May 1926-___) married No. 1 P. Tolliver, No. 2 Al Mays.

John A. Carlton (25 Feb. 1928married No. 1 C. Armstrong, No.
Mildred . g. lose bas (second Marvin Carlton (29 Dec. 1930-___) married Helen King. Dean Carlton (28 Aug. 1932-) married h. James Ed Cuningham. B. W. Carlton (14 Feb. 1899-12 Jul. 1975) married 18 Nov. 1917 to Pearl Simmons. Issue: a. M. B. Carlton (9 Oct. 1918-) married Annie Ruth Tolbert. b. Henry Carlton (12 J married Frances Barrett. Jan. c. William Carlton (19 July 1922-) married Emma Lois Baker. d. Margaret Carlton (22 Feb. married Ralph Brannon. Alene Carlton (13 June e. married Wilburn Moore. f. Houston Carlton (27 Mar. 1927-) married Ruth Cooper. g. Edward Elam Carlton (24 Apr. 1933-) married Evelyn Dalton. John A. Carlton married No. 3 wife, Julia a. Lamb, after Lucinda died, but no issue. 3. Sarah Elizabeth Carlton (b. 1842) married Thomas

- Norman. Lived in Ripley, Tennessee. Her mother, Emily Rucker Carlton was living with them.
- II. Blake Carlton (11 Jan. 1814-17 Aug. 1856) married 22 Oct. 1835 to Mary Walker (17 Mar. 1818-27 May 1898). Issue:
- 1. William Jefferson Carlton (b. 18 Oct. 1837) married Ca. 1860, Sarah J. Spence, second to Nancy Williams. (See the William Jefferson Carlton Family)
 - 2. James M. Carlton (b. 1839) m. Lizzie Drumwright
 - 3. John N. Carlton (b. 1841) m. Sallie Patterson.
 - 4. Julia A. Carlton (b. 1843) m. Robert Whitus. (See Whitus family).
 - Margaret E. Carlton (b. 1845) m. first, Robert Smotherman, and second, Dr. J. N. Dykes.
 - 6. Mary J. Carlton (B. 1847)
 - Martha Carlton m. John Lofton 7.

- 8. Jennie Carlton m. Billy Floyd.
- 9. Thomas F. Carlton (b. 7 Mar. 1853) m. Buena Parsons.
- 10. Minos Benajah Carlton (5 May 1855-4 Jan. 1930) m. 26 July 1883 to Tabitha Nance (b. 21 Mar. 1864). (See Minos Carlton family).
- 11. Renda Carlton (no data)
- III. Kenion Carlton (1815-5 Nov. 1880) married first, Hannah Walker (3 Sept. 1820-Oct. 1859) and second, Margaret Holder. Issue:
 - 1. Nancy A. Carlton (b. 1844)
 - 2. Lucinda L. Carlton (b. 1846)
 - 3. Richard O. Carlton (b. 1849)
 - 4. Sallie A. Carlton
 - 5. Francis Marion Carlton (14 June 1851-20 Sept. 1906) (See Francis Marion Carlton family)
 - IV. Frances Carlton (born between 1815 and 1820) married 28 July 1836, John Creek or Crick
 - V. Louisa Carlton (b. 13 April 1818) married 18 Dec. 1838 to Alexander C. Rutledge.
 - VI. Nancy Carlton (b. 18 Mar. 1820) married 27 Sept. 1835 to Willis Jackson (24 Sept. 1810-1 Aug. 1869).
- VII. Martha Ann Carlton (8 Sept. 1823-10 Apr. 1874)

Thomas H. Carlton, (Ca. 1785 - $_$), married Ca. 1810, wife unknown, the son of Blake Carlton (Ca. 1750 - Dec. 1783), also grandson of Richard Carlton (1720), had issue: Thomas Harrison Carlton, Jr. and daughter (no data).

I. Thomas Harrison Carlton, Jr. (1835-1918) married Catherine Lawrence Jackson, widow of John F. Jackson, in 1864. She was the daughter of William H. Lawrence and Judith Edwards (1807-1886) who married in 1823.

William H. Lawrence and Judith Edwards had seven children:

- 1. Mary Elizabeth Lawrence (1826-1880)
- 2. Martha Lawrence (1828-1870)
- 3. Sarah Catherine Lawrence (1830-1882), married first, John F. Jackson and produced two children: Sooky Jackson (1851-1924) and Sallie Jackson (1885-____)
- 4. Judith Morton Lawrence (1832-1890)
- 5. William Lawrence (1834-1862)

- Nancy Tennessee Lawrence (1836-1892). She was named for all of her aunts. Thus her full name was Nancy Ashburn Martha Annie Lee Sally Sciota Mary Tennessee Lawrence Whitworth Carlton.
- Susan America Lawrence (1838-1863)

Thomas Harrison Carlton, Jr. and Catherine Lawrence Jackson produced four children:

- 1. Cassie Jo Carlton (24 Mar. 1868-19 Sept. 1937) m. Monroe Crick
- 2. Robert (Bob) Benjamin Carlton (15 May 1872-14 Oct. 1937) (See Bob Carlton family)
 3. Fannie Carlton (20 June 1866-1901)
- 4. John Carlton (1870-1913)

Francis (Frank) Marion Carlton Family Furnished by Frank Yeargan and wife

Francis (Frank) Marion Carlton (14 June 1851-20 Sept. 1906) received business training in a school in St. Louis, MO. He built his home on a part of the original land grant about one hundred yards northeast of the forks of the road (Rockvale). The house is still standing and in good condition, but has passed from the Carlton family. He gave a building site for the Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church adjoining his home site. Directly across the road from the Church he gave land for the first Rockvale School. In 1884 he built a general store at the forks of the road opposite the intersection of the Versailles Road with what today (1982) is State Highway 99. This original store building remains in use at present as a community general store (Windrow Grocery). He also carried on extensive farming operations, not only on his own land but also on a fertile inheritance which his wife had received from her father. This land was about four miles west of Rockvale in the Ditch Lane area.

On 14 Dec. 1876, Frank Carlton married Minerva Elizabeth Taylor (3 Aug. 1852-5 Feb. 1927), the daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Branch Taylor. They became the parents of five children, two of whom reached adulthood.

Frank Elam Carlton (1881-1903) married Cora Jackson, one of the N. R. Jackson's twins. He lived only a short time after his marriage, dying of typhoid fever.

Mary Anna Carlton (29 Mar. 1892-1 Aug. 1957), affectionately known as "M.A.", married Clinton Edward Yeargan and became the mother of two children:

1.Frank Carlton Yeargan (b. 20 May 1915) married Ruth Riggs Smith. They have two daughters:

(1) Lucia Carolyn Yeargan (b. 11 July 1944) married James Lyndol Roberts

(2) Frances Carlton Yeargan (b. 7 Nov. 1955)

married Ted Hitchens

Mary Elizabeth Yeargan was married in 1957 to
Maurice Jean.

After the deaths of her son and husband, "Miss Betty Carlton", as she was called in the community, distinguished herself by her skills in managing her farms and lending money. She became a familiar figure during those long-ago horse and buggy days, as she drove around the countryside in her phaeton (a low slung buggy) pulled by a black mare named "Minnehaha".

"Miss Betty" was truly a strong and courageous person. She breathed her last on 5 Feb. 1927.

William Jefferson Carlton Family Compiled by Carmine Jackson

William Jefferson Carlton (1837-1912) was the son of Blake Carlton (1814-1856). William Jefferson Carlton first married Sarah Spence; their only child was Jimmie, who lived in Texas. William Carlton's second marriage was to Nancy Virginia Williams, daughter of Nelson Williams of the Midland Community.

On 20 Sept. 1899, William J. Carlton and his wife received the deed to the 162 acre farm that was originally a part of the Francis Jackson land, at that time owned by Thomas Newton Jackson. This property lies between the Francis Jackson II acreage on the north and the Nance farm on the south in the northern edge of Versailles, presently known as the Justin Hale Farm.

William J. Carlton and Nancy Williams Carlton became the parents of three sons: William Blake, Clay and John D., and four daughters: Addie, Mollie, Lizzie and Ella. About 1886, their daughter, Addie, married Charles W. Hale, a man from a northern state who was in business in Springfield, Tennessee. A short time after this, Blake and Clay left Versailles, moved to Springfield, and entered the grocery business. Later Clay moved to Pulaski, Virginia, established a ladies ready-to-wear store, married, had a

family of his own, and spent the rest of his life there.

Blake met Ellen Avery, a daughter of the Avery Plow Manufacturers of Galesburg, Illinois. Ellen was visiting her aunt who lived in Springfield. While Blake and Ellen sang in the same church choir, she persuaded him to enter the Conservatory of Music at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. After Blake and Ellen were married and established in their own Galesburg home, they had the two sons of his sister, Addie, to live with them and attend Knox College. Blake graduated from the Conservatory and gained a position teaching voice. Charles Hale, Jr. (son of Addie) took the academic course at Knox College, married Ethel Elsworth, entered a business career, and had a family of his own. Justin Carlton Hale (son of Addie) studied agriculture at Knox College, returned to his grandfather's farm at Versailles, married Jimmie Dee Maxwell, and devoted the rest of his life to farming. Justin and Jimmie Dee became the parents of 1 child, Justin Carlton Hale, Jr., who married Mary Ann McKnight. Justin, Jr. is in business in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, but continues to own and supervise the ancestral farm, now devoted to raising hay and cattle.

In 1912, William Blake Carlton and his wife, Ellen, moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee where Blake taught voice at Tennessee College for Women. Their five children were: Margaret Carlton, married Roy Norris; Esther Carlton, married William W. Travis; Jean Carlton, married Harold Baggett; Ellen Avery Carlton, married Lawrence Anderson; William Blake Carlton, Jr., married Alice Washington.

John D. Carlton, the third and youngest son of William J. and Nancy Carlton, studied at Vanderbilt University, became an eye specialist at Union City, Tennessee, where he married Currey Gooch and spent the rest of his life.

After the death of Charles W. Hale, Sr., Addie Carlton Hale returned to her father's Versailles home where she spent the rest of her life. Two other daughters of this family, Mollie and Lizzie Carlton married two sons of Thomas Newton Jackson, Andrew and Jasper. After a number of years spent in the Versailles-Rockvale area, Mollie and Andrew Jackson, with their two sons, Lester and Ralph, moved to Murfreesboro. Andrew became a traveling salesman. Lizzie and Jasper Jackson moved to Nashville; their two children were Virginia and Jim Blake. Ella Carlton, the fourth daughter, married Freeland Jackson (See the N.R. (Boat) Jackson family).

The Minos Benajah Carlton Family Information from family members Mary Ralston, John Carlton and others

Minos Benajah Carlton (5 May 1855-4 Jan. 1930), son of Blake Carlton (1814-1856) and Mary Walker (1818-1898), married 26 July 1883, Tabitha Estella Nance, daughter of Frank Nance and Nannie Hight. (See Nance family).

"Tab" and "Miney" Carlton lived on a farm about three-fourths mile from Rockvale toward Murfreesboro on now Highway 99. "Tab" claimed to have first applied the name of "Rockvale" to the area. Both are buried in unmarked graves out the Snail Shell Cave Road as are sister, Julia Ann and Bob Whitus.

Eight children all born on the farm were:

- 1. Leila Estella Carlton (18 May 1884-14 Dec. 1909)
- 2. Beulah Mai Carlton (18 Apr. 1886-3 June 1950) married William Edward Barnes (4 Dec. 1875-1 Sept. 1973), a relative of the Versailles Barnes. The family lived in Abingdon, Virginia and had four children:

(a) Willie Mai Barnes (b. 19 Aug. 1908) married James Alvis Soyars (b. 9 Dec. 1903). The Soyar children are: Thomas Edward, Jane, Elizabeth (Betty), and James Alvis, Jr. Jane and Betty have families.

- James Alvis, Jr. Jane and Betty have families.

 (b) Leila Carlton Barnes (b. 18 July 1911) married John Sullins Cunningham (b. 25 Nov. 1909-15 Oct. 1936) had one child, Leila Ann Cunningham (b. 21 May 1935). She has a family. Leila Barnes (Cunningham) next married Joel Franklin Hortense and had two children: Joel Carlton Hortense and James Edward Hortense, who has a family.
- (c) William Edward Barnes, Jr. (b. 25 June 1914)
 married Katherine Gilmer, later married Belle
 - (d) Minos Lee Barnes (b. 25 Oct. 1917) married Virginia Pauline Oaks (b. 24 Aug. 1911). Their chosen adopted son is William Lee Barnes (b. 24 June 1949).
- 3. Ira Earnest (Bud) Carlton (7 April 1888-27 Mar. 1974)
 married Sarah Catherine (Kate) Windrow (5 Jan. 1889-16
 July 1963) owned and lived at the Carlton home place
 from about 1950, until his death. "Bud" and "Kate" had
 two sons:
- (a) Earnest Lee Carlton (2 July 1912-27 Mar. 1975) first married Mary Estes and later Lola Weeks.
- (b) John Minos Carlton (22 Oct. 1914) married Lucy Parrish (b. 20 Feb. 1920), daughter of Walter Lee Parrish and Tommie Tucker Owen. John and Lucy had

two children: Judy Catherine Carlton (b. 8 April 1943), and Carol Ann Carlton (b. 18 Aug. 1947), and has one child, John Carlton Perry.

- 4. Irvin Lee Carlton (21 Mar. 1892-30 Dec. 1968) married Eula Maxwell (2 Oct. 1889-28 Oct. 1970) and had three children:
 - (a) Elizabeth Taylor Carlton, died an infant.
- (b) Irvin Lee Carlton, Jr. (b. 5 Jan. 1918), married Pauline Lester (b. 7 Nov. 1918), had one child, Paula Lee Carlton. Irvin Lee Carlton, Jr. later married Jean Lambert (b. 1930) and they had one child, Leanne Carlton.
- (c) Leila Mai Carlton (b. 12 Dec. 1927), married Oscar Kennedy, Jr. (27 Sept. 1924-21 April 1977). They had two children: David Randall Kennedy and Patricia Ann Kennedy. Leila Mai Carlton married second, Charles F. Rust.
- 5. Nannie Vera Carlton (5 July 1897-30 July 1919).
- 6. M. B. (Minos Benajah) Carlton (b. 23 Aug. 1904) married Mary Alene Osteen (b. 21 Mar. 1905) one of twin daughters of Richard Woodruff Osteen and Martha Roxanna Wallis, who lived adjoining the Rockvale School grounds on the north. M. B. and Alene had two daughters:
 - (a) Ruby Doris Carlton (b. 31 Jan. 1928) married Steven Carlton Lane and have two children, Linda Ann Lane and Steven Carlton Lane, and they too have families.
- (b) Mary Lorene Carlton (1 April 1935-9 July 1939).
- 7. Mary Carlton (b. 23 Sept. 1907) married Thomas Aaron Ralston (b. 13 Oct. 1904). Two children:
 - (a) Betty Jo Ralston, killed in an automobile accident in 1950.
- (b) William Aaron Ralston (b. 2 Mar. 1939), married Eleanor Kathleen Frankl (b. 30 Sept. 1934) of German parentage. They have three children: Betty Ann Ralston married Joel T. Tomlinson and have two children Carolyn Ann and Sandra Lynn; William Thomas Ralston; Vivien Marlene Ralston.
- 8. Kirby Gordon Carlton (b. 10 Mar. 1911) died an infant at one month.

Mary Aline Carlton (b. 8 Aug. 1939) married James

The Robert Benjamin (Bob) Carlton Family Information by Kitty Carlton Williams, Carmine Jackson, and Fred Nance

Robert Benjamin (B0b) Carlton (15 May 1872-14 Oct. 1937), son of Thomas Harrison Carlton, Jr. (1835-1918), and grandson of Thomas Harrison Carlton (born Ca. 1785) married 28 Nov. 1894, Tabitha Elizabeth Lamb (b. 6 Oct. 1869). They had five children:

1. Willie Harris Carlton (28 Nov. 1895-14 Mar. 1920)
married Mamie Adams. They had one daughter, Martha Jo
Carlton. Willie died during the influenza epidemic
following World War I.

 Katherine (Kitty) Erminnie Carlton (b. 25 Feb. 1898) married 25 May 1919, William Henry Wesley Williams (b. 26 Oct. 1895). One son, William Henry Wesley Williams,

Jr. (b. 16 Apr. 1927).

3. Mary Josephine Carlton (12 Feb. 1900-20 June 1963)
married Carter McKnight and had two daughters: Mary
Carter McKnight and Sue Katherine McKnight who married
Lon Davidson.

4. Susie Gray Carlton (2 Sept. 1902-17 Nov. 1952) married Orion Dudley (Jack) Beasley. They had one child: Elizabeth Ann Beasley.

5. Benjamin Franklin Carlton (b. 3 Jan 1905) died an infant.

Following the death of Tabitha Elizabeth Lamb, Bob Carlton married a second time to Nancy Ashburn Whitworth (b. 10 Dec. 1880). To this union six children were born:

1. Clarence Luie Carlton (1905-1916)

2. Fannie Eva Carlton (1908-1951)

- 3. Gertrude Carlton (b. 10 July 1910) married Alvis Stem. They had one son: William Monroe Stem, who married Juanita Hall.
- 4. Sanford Monroe Carlton (b. 10 Nov. 1913) married Mildred Manier. They had three children.
- 5. John Hubert Carlton (10 May 1917-16 July 1966) married Mattie Lovvorn.
- 6. James Robert Carlton (b. 18 Dec. 1921) married Ruth Lemmons. Issue:
 - Mary Aline Carlton (b. 8 Aug. 1939) married James L. Lambert (b. 16 Nov. 1936) and have four children:
 - b. Alice Fay Carlton (b. 3 Sept. 1940) married Harold Ralston (b. 11 April 1936). They have six sons.
 - c. James Robert Carlton, Jr., the only son, died at age five.

After Bob Carlton's second wife died, he married Thenia Whitworth Puckett, who died 14 Nov. 1958.

For many years the Bob Carlton family home and farm was on the south side of the historic Versailles Knob. A granddaughter, Mary Aline Carlton Lambert, and her family live there at present (1982).

Ruth Lemmons Carlton, wife of James Robert Carlton, has operated the Versailles store since 1 Nov. 1955; longer than any other merchant.

THE CHRISTOPHER - CROMER - MAY FAMILIES

From notes left by Evie Joe Christopher Nance,
Evaline Gibbs of Franklin, Tennessee, and others.

The Frank (B.F.) Christopher - Mary Lou Cromer family relates to Versailles and the Tenth District through the first four of their eight children (excluding the infant). Frank Christopher (19 June 1854-8 Mar. 1926), married Dec. 1881, Mary Lou Cromer (27 Dec. 1865-27 Feb. 1931 at Vanderbilt Hospital.)

Frank and Monroe Christopher's ancestor, probably grandfather, Daniel Christopher, was born in North Carolina about 1760-1770, was living in the Grove Creek area of Williamson County in 1813, moved to Maury County in 1830's. Frank and Monroe came to Rutherford County. Most descendants continued westward, a fact supported by the existence of twelve Christopher graves in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches County, Texas. The Addie Norris family is descended from Monroe Christopher. Frank Christopher came to Eagleville, Tennessee from Williamson County and married Mary Lou Cromer there.

Mary Lou Cromer's grandparents were Robert May, born 19 Feb. 1784, and Susanna G. Jarrett, born 3 Nov. 1794. Mary Lou's mother was the twelfth of thirteen children listed chronologically below:

- 1. Sarah J. May (8 April 1815-1862) married James Reams in 1833.
- 2. John B. May (4 Oct. 1816-1854), considered abnormal mentally.
- 3. Thomas J. May (15 Feb. 1818-1863) married Sallie King.
- 4. Susannah May (17 Dec. 1819-1876) married second (first marriage not known), Eldridge Smotherman. (Eldridge and Jonathan P. Smotherman were sons of James Smotherman

and Sarah Mallard Hill Smotherman, who were married 1824 and divorced in 1849. Sarah Mallard's first husband was J. Benjamin Hill and their daughter, Elizabeth Hill, married Richard Nance.)

- 5. Judith M. May (7 Feb. 1821-1852) married Joshua King in 1839.
 - 6. Robert B. May (28 Jan. 1823-1876) married Catherine Burns.
 - 7. Mary (Polly) N. May (28 Nov. 1824-1860) first married Thomas Hendrix and later Lemuel Manire (20 Nov. 1843-15 July 1858). Polly N. May's daughter, Seith Nannie Hendrix, married William (Billy) Ralston and they had ten children.
- 8. William W. May (1 Oct. 1826-____) married 26 Nov. 1847, Sarah J. Beasley.
- 9. Rebecca S. May (23 Sept. 1828-1854) first married Johnathan P. Smotherman, had three children and later married John H. Holt 6 April 1845 and 8 Jan. 1854 respectively and had one son, Jack Holt, a minister.
- 10. Elizabeth Frances May (10 Mar. 1830-1876) married 15 Dec. 1845, Alexander Gregory. These two are great-grandparents of the Tenth District Steagalls/Stegalls.
- 11. George S. May (15 Feb. 1832-1833)
- 12. Evaline D. May (3 Dec. 1833-3 Feb. 1899) married Joseph Henry Cromer and became the parents of Lou Cromer Christopher.
- 13. Hester Ann May (20 Feb. 1835-___) married Henry Johns in 1852.

Evalina (spelled Everlina on her tomb rock) died near Mt. Vernon. Both Joseph Henry Cromer and spouse Evalina are buried in the Cromer Cemetery. Joe Cromer had eleven brothers and sisters. These two are grandparents of the Christopher children including Evalina Josephine (Evie Joe) Christopher Nance, who lived in Versailles for sixty-six years.

The nine Cromer children are:

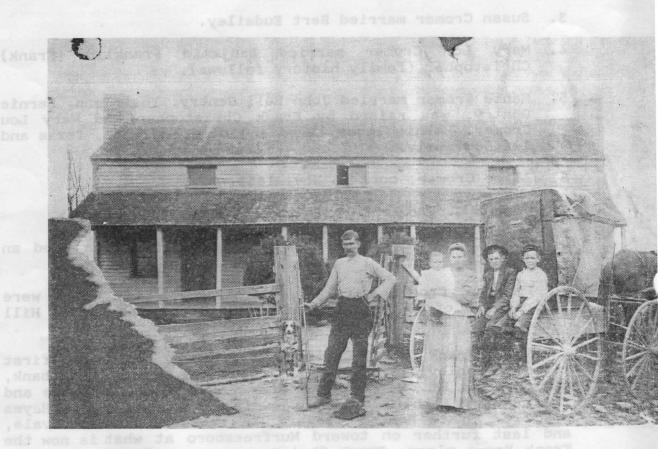
1. Sarah Frances (Fannie) Cromer, b. 26 June 1854, married Richard (Dick) Crutcher.

- 2. Robert Alfanso (Fonzie) Cromer, b. June 1856, married Jennie Eudailey. Alfonzo (Buck) Scott and his son, Robert (Jack) Alfonzo are namesakes of Fonzie Cromer. Evalina (Eve) Scott was named for Evalina May. Kinship is established with the Cromers through the Bennetts.
- 3. Susan Cromer married Bert Eudailey.
- 4. Mary Lou Cromer married Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Christopher (family history follows).
- 5. Manie Cromer married John Bell Gentry. Their son, Bernie Gentry, was raised by Frank Christopher and Mary Lou Cromer. Bernie later lived and died in Tyler, Texas and left a family.
- 6. Alice Cromer, born 16 Nov. 1859.
- 7. Joseph G. Cromer married Emma McGowan.
- 8. John D. Cromer married Delia Blake. Their son died an infant.
- 9. Rebecca Cromer married Will Stammers and they were parents of Evalina and Jim Stammers in the Chapel Hill area.

Frank (B.F.) Christopher and Mary Lou Cromer first lived in Eagleville on property now owned by the local bank, next in the Mt. Vernon area near the now Manire place and the cemetery, third at the Cleveland Brothers-Robert Hayes place on State Road 99 toward Murfreesboro from Rockvale, and last further on toward Murfreesboro at what is now the Frank Brown place. Frank Christopher was a farmer, a member of the Masonic Lodge at Rockvale, and a school wagon driver. The first five of the eight children were born in Eagleville and the last three in Mt. Vernon. The first three raised families in the Versailles area, the infant excluded. These eight children were:

- Nannie Lee Christopher (5 Oct. 1883-18 Nov. 1955). (See Whitus family history).
- 2. Infant unnamed d. 1885.
- 3. Evalina Josephine (Evie Joe) Christopher (22 July 1887-13 April 1972). (See H. J. Nance family history).
- 4. Rebecca Mai Christopher (15 July 1889-1981) married 6

Robert Alfanso (Fonzie) Cromer, b. June 1856, married Jennie Eudailey. Alfonzo (Buck) Scott and his son, Robert (Jack) Alfonzo are namegahas of Fonzie Cromer, Evalina (Eve) Scott was named for Evalina May. Kinship is established with the Cromers through the Bennetts.



The Joe Pope family pictured in front of the Joe Cromer residence near Lt. Vernon around the turn of the century.



W.G. Cole family in 1907-Left to right Annie May-Cole, Adelaid Cole, Ruth Cole, Wm. G. Cole, Robt. M. Cole, Mary T. Manire Cole, and being held Mattie Francis Cole



Frank Christophers at homeplace in 1395 L to R - Nannie Lee, Frank, Evie Joe, Henry, May, Lou, Mary and Martha.

Aug. 1918, Rollie Gleaves Smotherman (2 Jan. 1888-1 Aug. 1978). They had two sons: Richard Franklin Smotherman and Gleaves Cromer Smotherman. Both have families.

- 5. Henry Franklin Christopher (15 July 1891-27 Oct. 1911), the only son, unmarried.
- 6. Martha Christopher, twin of Mary (26 Sept. 1896-1973) married John Puckett North and their three children: Mary, Christine and John, Jr., have families of their own. The girls are deceased.
- 7. Mary Christopher, twin of Martha (26 Sept. 1896-22 Feb. 1982) first married Finley Lane in 1918, and later married Tom Shields. She outlived both husbands.
- 8. Anna Wells Christopher, born 11 Nov. 1898, first married Earl Hopkins and later A. V. O'Kain, and out-lived them both.

THE COLE FAMILY Compiled by Aubrey Cole

The Cole family of English origin, migrated from North Carolina into Middle Tennessee. Thomas Cole was among the early settlers of Versailles. He and his brother, Gideon, acquired land in the Bylar Bottoms around 1830. Thomas was born 25 Mar. 1809, and married Nancy White. Their children were James Henry, Nancy Emeline, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha. Thomas was active in the Versailles community and was buried at the Mt. Pleasant Church cemetery, 23 Sept. 1847.

James Henry, son of Thomas and Nancy Cole, born 11 Sept. 1834, married Mary F. Taylor, the daughter of Vincent and Mary R. Puckett Taylor and granddaughter of Charles P. and Elizabeth Puckett. Their children were: William Glenn, Alice, Talitha, Nancy, Thomas, Walter and Lillie. During the Battle of Stones River, James Henry was conscripted by the Union to care for their wounded soldiers in a hospital on the Carnation Milk Co. site in Murfreesboro. Both James Henry and his wife died in 1890 and are buried in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

William Glenn Cole, son of James Henry and Mary F. Cole, was born 3 Mar. 1857, and lived most of his life in Versailles. He married Mary Tennessee Manier, daughter of

David Crockett and Martha M. Read Manier, and granddaughter of Robert and Elizabeth Gentry Read and David L. and Susan Jackson Manier. The children of William and Mary Cole were: Minnie, May, Adelaide, Mattie, Ellis, Eris, Clarence, Ruth and Robert. Robert married Mary I. Hill and they were the parents of Robert, Aubrey Glenn, Leopol, John Henry and Thomas Cole. William Glenn Cole drove a school wagon in the Versailles and Eagleville area as well as farming and operating a grocery store. William's off-spring had more than twenty children. Several of them continued to live in the Versailles area for all or most of their lives.

THE COMER FAMILY

Compiled by Marilee Comer Taylor and Irene Comer Williams

The ancestors of the Comer family came into Tennessee from Virginia or North Carolina. A descendant Charles D. Comer (1845-1907) settled in the Tenth District of Rutherford County at Versailles. He married Elizabeth Underwood and they lived on a grass farm. To this union were born three sons:

- I. William Washington Comer married Mattie Miranda Whitus, daughter of Bob and Julia Carlton Whitus. Issue:
- 1. Irene Elizabeth Comer (1899) married Blanton Williams on 27 Nov. 1918.

 Issue:
- A. Grace Williams (1919) married Willie Floyd William in 1938.

 Issue:
- (1) Ann William married Grover Ward and they had 2 sons, Keith and Ken.
- (2) Carolyn William
- (3) Ronald William
- B. Martha Ida Williams (1922) married Willie B. Lowe in 1949.
 - Issue: Cathy Lowe, Bill Lowe, Beverly Lowe
- C. Lewis Blanton Williams (1925) married Joyce Hall, 14 Dec. 1947.

 Issue: Susan Williams, Lewis Blanton Williams, Jr., Nancy Williams
- D. Elizabeth (Betty) Williams (1933) married T.
 E. Luttrell, 20 July 1957.
 Issue: Thomas Luttrell, Kevin Luttrell,
 Timothy Luttrell

- 2. Alma Lytle Comer (1905) married Frank C. Lamb, 20 Oct. 1921. Issue:
- A. Frances Lamb married James Burnett and had one dama son, James.
- B. Jean Lamb married William Allen. Issue: Susan Allen, Lee Ann Allen, Sheryl Allen, Shannon Allen
- 3. Mary Lee Comer (1910) married Cecil Taylor. orom bad onthe Issue:
- A. William (Bill) Taylor married Jane Foil of Concord, North Carolina. Issue: Kitty and William
 - Marie Taylor married Ben Powell. Issue: Kathy В. Powell, Beth Powell, Ben Powell
 - II. Reed Azariah Comer married Drucilla Lytle Nance.
 - III. James (Jim) Adams Comer became a lawyer, lived in Ashburn, Georgia and married Alma Jessup.

of Rutherford County at Versailles. He merried Elizabeth

THE COTHRAN FAMILY DOS DOGGEDOUS Information furnished by Louise C. McLain, Elaine C. Harper, the 1900 census, & George C. Cothran of Corpus Christi, TX (indirectly)

The spelling of the Cothran surname has been generally the same since about 1810. Prior to that time and in most colonial records the spelling varied: Coharon, Caughran, Coughran, Cohorn, Caughorn, Cochran, Cockran, Costhran, Cockhorn and Coharon, which no doubt made research most difficult.

Alexander Coughran/Coharon owned land in Orange Co., North Carolina in 1752, considered first generation for this history, and wife, Esther, had nine children: Mary M., John C., James L., Alexander, Samuel, Jean, Esther, Izebel and Mather, all born in either Orange or Person Counties, North Carolina.

John C. Cothran, (2nd generation), born in Person Co., North Carolina about 1753, and wife, Molly, had seven children, all born in Person Co., N.C.: William, James, John J., Rachall, Alexander, Mary and Jesse.

James Cothran, (3rd generation), appearing on the 1808 tax rolls, this family owned 697 acres and three slaves at death, and there were eleven children, only nine identified: James, Samuel, Elizabeth, John, Nancy, Benjamin H., James I., Susan and Richard, all born in Person Co., N.C. or Williamson Co., Tennessee or enroute.

Samuel Cothran, (4th generation), and wife Polly Burton, were in the Williamson County 1850 census records with ages of 51 and 50, and with six children listed. This census record began a belief that Sam and wife had ten children with only six coming to Tennessee with them in 1843-44.

J. Pleas Cothran (8 July 1828-2 Oct. 1888), is the only child of Samuel Cothran for whom we have any record. He came to the Versailles area and is the fifth generation. Born in Person Co., North Carolina, J. Pleas Cothran married Mary R. Cothran (1836-28 Jan. 1895), the daughter of Benjamin H. Cothran and Mary Jones. Thus Pleas and wife, Mary R., were blood first cousins and became the parents of ten children: Joseph Wood Cothran, John W. Cothran, Eliza Cornelia Cothran, Susan Cothran, James Cothran, Mattie Flora Cothran (who married John Maxwell and had Homer and Lake Maxwell), William Cothran, Mace Cothran, Judith T. (Aunt Jude) Cothran, and Benjamin Cothran. J. Pleas owned 600 plus acres. He donated land for the Cothran Cemetery that has become a semi-public burial ground. J. Pleas and wife are buried there.

Joseph Wood Cothran, six generations from his Scotch-Irish, Orange County, North Carolina, ancestor, Alexander Coharon, was born 2 July 1854 and died 19 Mar. 1933. Wood Married Jennie Dora Taylor (6 Sept. 1863-12 Mar. 1923), the daughter of William Carroll Taylor and Martha Jane White. The Wood Cothran family first lived in the Versailles area in a two room log house with a dog-trot (open hall) separating the rooms, and located on a 160 acre farm purchased soon after marriage. Several years later Wood and his father, J. Pleas Cothran, (5th generation), built a frame two-story house on the right about five-eighths mile from the Versailles store toward Mt. Pleasant. The house still stands and was owned and occupied for several years by the Grover Brannon family. Wood was a farmer, carpenter and taught handwriting. Wife, Dora Taylor, helped care for the ill among her neighbors with remedies of that day made from herbs, seed, berries, mustard, and other plants she grew and made poultices believed to cure infected areas. She died of pneumonia after returning from a visit to a sick neighbor on a rainy night. Several years later J. Wood married Laura William Davis, her second too. She survived him a few years.

Joseph Wood Cothran and Jennie Dora Taylor had

nine children:

- 1. Mary S. J. (Lulu) Cothran married Mace Webb
- Joseph Benjamin (Ben) Cothran married Alice Julia Puckett, sister to Mitt Puckett Cothran, and lived near Puckett store. (See Puckett family history).
 - 3. Emmie Beatrice Cothran married Will Maxwell
- 4. Mattie Adelaide Cothran married Nickolas D. Bellefant
- 5. George Washington Cothran died an infant.
- 6. Nannie Lee Cothran married Washington (Wash) Burns
- 7. Dasie White Cothran died at age two
- 8. William Frank Cothran married Ethel Ray
 - 9. Sammie Gray Cothran died an infant.

Mace Cothran, born April 1874, brother of Joseph Wood Cothran, thus having the same Cothran ancestors and a sixth generation, married Malinda Jane (Mitt) Puckett in 1895. Mitt was born April 1879. Mace and Mitt lived about half way between the Mt. Pleasant-Puckett Store road and where the "ditch" lane meets now Highway 99. Mace, a farmer and excellent long ball hitter for the Versailles baseball team, lived only a few years after marriage and left "Mitt" a widow for close to fifty years. Their children were:

- 1. Susie Cothran born Feb. 1896, married Alex Ralston and had three children.
- 2. Puckett Cothran, born Nov. 1898, married Lytle Kelton, her 2nd
- 3. Malinda Ann (M.A.) Cothran, born about 1902, married Robert Dyer.

Joseph Benjamin (Ben) Cothran (Sept. 1881-1977), 7th generation, the eldest son of J. Wood Cothran and Dora Taylor, attended Taylor School, played with the Versailles baseball team, married 20 Dec. 1908, Alice Julia Puckett, the youngest daughter of James Nathaniel Puckett and Mary Frances White, landowners near Versailles and Puckett store, sometimes erroneously referred to as Needmore. Ben and Alice were deeded a 50 acre farm by the Pucketts. The farm contained house, barn and smokehouse and was known as the Hudson Place, located on the Mt. Pleasant Road near the J. N. Puckett and Sons Store presently used for housing Veterans. Ben was a farmer, trader and operator of a grist mill for many years. Alice raised flowers, made quilts, played the church organ and sang. The organ remains in the family. Following wife Alice's death, Ben remained in the family home, continued to raise cattle and chickens, and prior to the time of his death was the oldest resident in the Tenth District including the Versailles area, at age 96.

Ben and Alice Puckett Cothran had eight children. Four children died young: Elizabeth, Fred Francis and infant twins. The other four are:

1. Bennie Mai Cothran married George Ralston

2. Rubye Elaine Cothran married Joe Black Hayes, Sr.

3. John Benjamin Cothran married Emily Frances Igor

4. Alice Louise Cothran married Thomas Jackson McLain.

All four are now living. Mai is widowed and all except John Benjamin have families of their own.

Frank Cothran, 7th generation, youngest son of Joseph Wood Cothran to reach adult age, and wife, Ethel Ray, also raised a family in the Versailles area in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant. Their twelve children were: Frankie Lee, Agnes, Annie Laura, Walter Erin, Jerry, Sam, Becky, Howard, Chris, Joe, June Dale, and Jean. Frank Cothran was a farmer, a logger and a talented baseball player. Frank and son, Joe, are the only ones not now living (1982). All left the Versailles area. Most are in Nashville. All have families.

COVINGTON FAMILY By Elaine Covington Martin

Brothers John and William, and probably David, Covington left Pittsylvania Co., VA with their families, Ca. 1807, enroute to Tennessee. Families that left with them were the Haynes, Love, Marlin, Austin, and others. They stayed several months in Wytheville, VA, waiting for the wagon train to assemble. Here they were joined by families from other southern Virginia counties and some of the Covingtons and kin from Rockingham Co., N.C. They traveled in large groups because of the Indian raids.

William Covington and wife, Catherine "Caty" Roberts, and family settled near College Grove, TN. They are the ancestors of Mabry Covington.

David Covington, believed to be the oldest brother of John and William, married Judith Kendrick in Rutherford Co., 30 Jan. 1817, and settled near the area that is now Smyrna, TN. He left a will, dated 28 May 1830, and presented in Court, 16 Aug. 1830, naming his brother, William, as executor. He asked that his minor children get an education out of the proceeds from his land. Two of his sons, William and James, were apprenticed in 1837. James was apprenticed again, in 1839, to saddlers. Both brothers later migrated to Kentucky and Missouri.

John Covington and his family settled in Rutherford Co., TN, on what is now Hwy. 99 and Jackson Ridge Road, where the Wray-Covington Cemetery is located.

John Covington (15 Feb. 1772-24 Jan. 1847) was one of ten children born to Edmond Covington (? -1803) and wife No. 1, Annie, and wife No. 2, Frances "Fanny" Pruitt. He was one of seven children born to Edmond and Annie, and the grandson of Thomas Covington (Ca. 1707-1781) and Mary (? -31 Oct. 1788) who married in 1734 and settled in Halifax Co., VA. Thomas was the son of William (? - Ca. 1707) and Rosamond Covington of Old Rappahannock County (now Essex), VA. William was the son of William (? - Ca. 1669) and Dorothy Covington of the same county. William and Dorothy are first found in Old Rappahannock County records in 1669.

John Covington and Jane Davis Hankins were married 20 Jan. 1793. Jane (13 Sept. 1776-14 May 1883) was the daughter of William Hankins (1754-1824) and Elizabeth Davis, and the granddaughter of Daniel "Nial" Hankins. Both William and Nial aided in the Revolution. William served as 2nd Lt. in the Militia, Halifax Co., VA, Capt. Peter Rogers Company. Nial served in collecting provisions and other such services. Issue of John and Jane:

- I. Jesse Covington (20 Dec. 1793-28 Mar. 1824) married 22 Oct. 1816 to Levisia Beasley (24 Oct. 1801-18 Nov. 1866). They settled in Unionville, TN. Issue: 3 daughters and 4 sons.
- daughters and 4 sons.

 II. Larkin Anderson Covington (24 Feb. 1796- Ca. 1869)
 married 12 Mar. 1817 to Ann S. Menifee (6 Aug. 1799?). They settled at Versailles, TN. Larkin and Ann
 were divorced, after years of marriage, and he married
 Diana Smotherman, 17 Apr. 1866. The wedding was
 solemnized by Francis Jackson, J.P. Issue of Larkin
 and Ann:
 - 1. Naomi Crick Covington (28 Dec. 1817-?) married 17 Oct. 1847 to Willis Lamb (15 Jan. 1817-20 May 1873). Issue (8 children):
 - (1) Mary Ann Lamb (9 May 1838- ?). Issue (6 children).
- --- Richard Hatten Lamb (24 Mar. 1857-1923), son of Mary Ann Lamb, married 1882, Melinda Gentry (13 Mar. 1866-25 Sept. 1917). Issue: 8 children, 3 of which remained in the Versailles area.
- a. Robert Benjamin Lamb (1895-12 Apr. 1971) married 19 Dec. 1915 to Alta Carlton. Issue: Rothwell Elizabeth; Deanie Myrtle; Bennie Mae; Mary Frances; Joyce Runez; Billy Doyle; Ruth.
- b. Fannie Latitia Lamb married Harve

Jones. (Issue: Emmett; Richard: Pearlie Mae married Clifford Uselton.

- c. Thomas Marion Lamb (18 Mar. 1898-11 Mar. 1979) married 13 Apr. 1922. Mattie Ella Martin (13 Jan. 1900-Jan. 1981). Issue: Maella married Oliver Jones; Bessie Louise; Bobby /omesa eel martin; Martin; Marion Evelyn married Thomas Clay Mathews. Issue: Ann married Melvin Hatcher.
- 2. Thomas H. P. Covington (15 Aug. 1819-Ca. 1893) married 5 Oct. 1858, Melissa Ann Hendrix (Ca. 1833- ?). See Hendrix. They lived on a farm west of North Road, near Puckett's store. Their son, John, told about his father riding horseback into Eagleville, to find out what was happening, when he heard that the Yankees were there. He was captured, but they let him go when he told them he had a new baby (Emery) and was looking for the doctor. John also told about his mother, Melissa Ann, using the spinning wheel, copper wire, and a bowl of cotton to start fires; and about neighbors borrowing coals to start their fires. Issue of Thomas and Melissa Ann:
- (1) William Emery Covington (3 Sept. 1862-9 Feb. 1943) married Fanny (Taylor) Hale (16 Apr. 1850-11 Mar. 1912), daughter of Joe Taylor and wife No. 1. See Hendrix. Emery was a farmer when his family was together. They lived near Old Jackson Ridge Rd. and Windrow Rd. Later, Emery drove a horse-drawn peddling wagon in the community for many years. Issue of Emery and Fanny:
- a. Roscoe Covington (19 Apr. 1886-1954) married 11 Nov. 1908, Lillie Pearl Wilson (21 Nov. 1888-15 Dec. 1976). yedt amodinad see Mizee Issue:
- (a) John Covington, never married.
 (b) Vera Covington, school teacher and never married.
- (c) Grady Covington married Frances Wagner, (2) Inex (Brothers) Lynch, (3) Mary (Thornton) Townes.
- (d) James Covington married Ada Mae Lamb.
 - b. Jeff Covington (2 Feb. Ca. 1888-Ca. 1980) married 25 July 1907, Rowland (7 Feb. Ca. 1888- ?). Issue:
 - (a) Evelie Covington married Grady Jennings.

- (b) Rubye Covington married Russell Redmon.
- (c) Ellen Covington married Lionell Zumbro.
- (d) Jesse Covington married Julia Frances Jackson.
- c. Annie Covington (4 July 1890-3 Apr. 1960) married Minos Brannon (12 Jan. 1883-5 Jan. 1970). Issue. (See Brannon family).
- (2) James Hendrix Covington (10 Feb. 1864-Ca.
 1950) married Eudora Moses and moved to
 Marshall County. James H. died in Hesperia,
 Michigan. Issue:
- a. James Covington, officer in regular
- b. Clara Covington married ____ Collins.
- (3) Annie Laura Covington (13 Mar. 1866-Ca. 1957) married Ben Bullock and lived at Rover, TN. No issue.
- (4) Cora Franklin Covington (2 Sept. 1867-died an infant).
- (5) Thomas Adam Covington (15 Apr. 1869- Ca. 1933) married Maggie Lee Holton (17 Mar. 1877-Ca. 1952), daughter of John R. Holton and wife No. 2. They lived on Swamp Rd. near Eagleville, TN. Issue:
- a. Corinne Covington, No. 1 wife of Edgar Frost.
- b. Ether Covington married Talmage Wilson, son of John T. Wilson, J.P.
- c. Howard Covington married Mary Lou Maxwell
 - d. Harry Covington married Rachel Harrison.
- e. Robert Covington married Mary Elliott.
- (6) John Nathan Covington (25 Mar. 1871-Apr. 1962) married 23 July 1916, Nora Carlton (26 Oct. 1891-3 Nov. 1953). See Carlton. They lived on Jackson Ridge Rd. in the Versailles area. John was a farmer, and he served as deputy sheriff under Rutherford County Sheriff Wash Powers for eight years. Issue:
- a. Nathan Homer Covington (7 Aug. 1917-18 Dec. 1918).
- b. Alfred Byrom Covington (20 Mar. 1919-7 July 1920).
- c. Elaine Covington (13 Feb. 1921-___)
 married Fred J. Martin (31 Oct. 1910-____)
 . Issue:

- (a) Pamela Elaine Martin married Ran-
- dall Corum.

 (b) Ronald F. Martin.

 d. John Warner Covington (24 Dec. 1922-15
- May 1949).
 e. Cora Mai Covington (20 Mar. 1926-Married No. 1, Buford Clinton, and No. 2, Horace Hicks. Issue:
- dally remove between mode (a) Frances Clinton married Morris amed send between modical by Lackey
- (b) Nancy Clinton married Ray Littrel
- (c) Rachel Clinton married No. 1, Paul Crosser, and No. 2, Larry Peters
 (d) Buford Clinton, Jr. married
- (e) Margaret Elaine Clinton married David Butler.
- f. Eugene Covington (13 Apr. 1928-) married Reba Messick.
 - Nathan Richard Covington
- g. Pauline Covington (13 Apr. 1928-___) married Sam Brown.
- (a) Debbie Brown married Monty Pierce (b) Donna Brown married James Porter McKnight, Jr.
- Denise Brown married Aaron Ghee
- (d) Dolora Brown
- h. Thomas Adam Covington (7 Sept. 1934-Dec. Inell enel bes add 1934)
- 3. Newell P. Covington (15 Sept. 1821-1840). No further knowledge.
- 4. Mary Ann Covington (15 June 1823- ?) No further knowledge.
- 5. John A. Covington (6 Jan. 1825-28 Jan. 1899) married Malvira D. (7 Mar. 1840-27 Feb. 1869). John A. was a carpenter. He moved to Covington, TN Ca. 1861, and he is buried there.
- 6. Jamima Jane Covington (6 Nov. 1826-17 Nov. 1858) married 10 June 1843, John R. Holton. They lived in the Versailles area. Jamima Jane and infant daughter died in childbirth, and were buried in the same grave at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery. Issue of Jamima Jane and John R.:
- (1) Susan H. Holton (b. Ca. 1844) married James Gillespie
- (2) Charlie Holton (b. Ca. 1846) married Caroline Wilson, sister of John T. Wilson, J.P. Issue:
- a. Robert Holton married Jeanie Pugh
 - b. Charlie Mead Holton (Aug. 1873-Mar. 1954) married Lillie Sharber (Ca. 1873-May 1942). See Sharber. They lived on Windrow Rd. near Old Jackson Ridge Rd.

- (a) Pearl Holton married Robert Watson
- (b) Estin Holton married Etta Under-wood.
- (c) Lee Holton (7 Oct. 1897-__)
 married Sally Taylor (21 July
 1902-11 Feb. 1975), daughter of Joe
 Taylor and No. 2 wife. See Hendrix.
 Issue: Leon; Mildred; Wallace;
 Earl; Florene; Betty.
- almoM between models (d) Alta Holton married Homer Wilson
 - (e) Howard Holton married Emma Denny
 - Isasan to Marion Holton married _____ Vincent
- d. John Larkin Holton married Emma Jane Freeman
 - e. Annie Holton married Webb Pugh
- (3) Ann Eliza Holton (b. 1847) married Meed Braden
- (4) Larkin Holton, died in texas
 - (5) John William Holton married Susanna Elmore
 - (6) Martha Elizabeth Holton, no knowledge
 - (7) Thomas Andrew Holton (b. 18 Feb. 1856) married Willie Bell Russell
- 7. Sarah Ann America Covington (7 June 1828- ?)
 married 7 Jan. 1851, Prier Fears. No further
 knowledge.
- 8. Emely E. Covington (1 May 1830-d. prior to 1869)
 married 21 Nov. 1854, Larkin A. Covington, son of
 John and Jane Marlin Covington of Limestone Co.,
 Texas, and grandson of John and Jane Hankins
 Covington.
- 9. Larkin M. Covington (b. Ca. 1833) married 12 June 1851, Sarah E. Fagan. A letter from John A. Covington, Covington, TN, dated 1893, said that Larkin M. had moved to Florida.
- 10. Julia Elizabeth Covington (b. Ca. 1836) married 30 Jan. 1859, William Ransom Ray (17 Sept. 1837-19 June 1894), son of Elizabeth Jane Jackson (daughter of Thomas and Ruthie Hendrix Jackson) and William M. Ray. See Hendrix.
- 11. William Franklin Covington (b. Ca. 1838-d. as POW at Camp Morton, Ind., during Civil War) married 22 June 1858, Ruth F. C. Hendrix (Ca. 1835-1913). See Hendrix. Issue:
- (1) Mary "Molly" S. Covington married Rev. Hardy Simmons.
- a. Herbert Simmons (killed as a young man, when his gun accidentally fired as he set it down on the store porch at Jackson Ridge.)

- Annie Ruth Simmons, died with tuberculosis while young.
 - c. Mitchel Simmons, moved to Knoxville, TN.
- d. Luna Simmons married Will D. Smotherman, son of Price Smotherman and Leota Sharber Smotherman. See Sharber.
 - (a) William B. "Jack" Smotherman married M. Catherine Neal
 - (b) Alma Smotherman married Clyde
 Barnes
 - (c) Devara Smotherman married Bob Covey
- (d) Fred "Pete" Smotherman, killed in World War II.

Luna died with tuberculosis, leaving young children. Will D. lost his sight, in 1921, when he contacted 44,000 volts of electricity on his job with the Power Co. He married Annie Lee Wright, 28 Nov. 1925, and they had one son.

- (e) Clyde D. Smotherman married No. 1, Bobby Edna Burns, and No. 2, Linda (Spurlock) Steagall.
- (2) James Robert "Jim Bob" Covington married Viola "Ola" Vaughan, granddaughter of Thomas Lowe and Elizabeth Hendrix. See Hendrix. Issue:
 - Beaulah Covington married Joe Richardson
- b. William Richard Covington married Bessie Frazier, daughter of W. R. "Cap" Frazier
 - (a) W. R. Covington
 - (b) Nathan Covington
- (c) Ola Mae Covington
 - (d) Donnie Covington
- (e) Martha Ruth Covington, adopted by W. R. and Virgie (Williams) Frazier
- 12. Robert Weston Covington (b. Ca. 1839) married 31 Dec. 1863, Elizabeth Graham. They moved to Nashville area.
 - III. Elizabeth Covington (b. 1798) married 21 Jan. 1818 to John Maxwell. Issue:
- 1. Albert Maxwell (b. 1818) married Sarah "Sally"
 Owens
- 2. John Anderson Maxwell (b. 2 Dec. 1820) married Margaret Redding.
- (1) Tom Maxwell
- (2) Richard "Dick" Maxwell married Catherine "Cassie Lane.
- a. James Porter Maxwell married Martha Ada Wray
 - b. Willie Maxwell married Dudley Hall,

estand bas passed (c) John D. Hall (d) Lottie Hall married Willie Sharber. See Sharber. (e) Florence Hall between (f) Louise Hall married Joe Snell (g) Bob Hall (h) Virginia Hall Other children of Dick and Cassie are: Walter, Elgie, Nina, Maggie, Mattie, Sue Mai, and Grace. (3) John Anderson Maxwell, moved to Kentucky. (4) Green "Bud" Pinkerston Maxwell married Mary (5) James "Jim" Madison Maxwell (1 May 1861-11 Jan. 1900) married Mary Linnie Carlysta Winn (1867-1959). Issue: a. Eula Josephine Maxwell married Irving L. Carlton b. Vera Maxwell c. Bess Maxwell married Emmett Williams d. Jimmie D. Maxwell married Justin Carlton Hale (a) Justin Hale married Mary Ann McKnight W e. Joseph Maxwell married No. 1, Gladys Paten, No. 2, Mary Bell Quarles Joseph Maxwell married Cora Glenn (7) Ella Maxwell married Walter Scott Winn, brother to Linnie (8) Fannie Maxwell married Willie "Bud" Clark. Issue: a. Mary Clark married Vernal Ogles b. Ada Clark married Will Ramsey Jimmie Clark married Minnie Hall, sister c. of Dudley Hall Willie Clark married Virginia Taylor d. e.gried Sareh "Sally" Tommy Clark married Julia Mae Drye, granddaughter of John A. Carlton. See Carlton. f. Young Clark married Nanny "Louie" Lou Burns, daughter of G. W. and Ellen Burns, and granddaughter of John A. Carlton. See Carlton. Issue: (a) Ralph Clark married LaRue Webb (b) W. W. "Bill" Clark married Myrtle Pope - 86 -

brother to Tempie Frost, Pearl Williams and Pauline Sewell.

(a) Buford Hall (b) Bessie Hall

- fut at-2181 .puA as (c) Rubye Clark married John Jackson Sharber (d) Effie Clark married Terrence Price (e) Elaine Clark married Clarence Elrod (f) Y. Burns Clark married Catherine Powers Robbie Alene Clark, died young (g) Henry Clay Clark married Artie (h) Insel (i) Horace Clark married Annie Watkins (j) Herman Clark married Mary Ella Vaughan
 - (k) Nona Clark married Jack Derouen
 - (1) Sylvia Clark married Thomas Alva "Buddy" Taylor
 - Mary Jane Maxwell married Hughie Haynes (10) Garner Maxwell married Kate Petterson
 - 3. Martha Jane Maxwell (b. 1 Jan. 1823) married Roger D. Snell
 - 4. Mary Williams Maxwell (b. 18 Jan. 1825)
- 5. William "Billy" Franklin Maxwell, stone mason (b. 22 Mar. 1827) married Sally K. Butts. Issue:
- (1) Edward Lake Maxwell (15 Feb. 1877) mar. 19-4) 1852-8 Aug. 19-4) married Josephine Mathis
- a. John Edward Maxwell (1870-1944) married
 No. 1 wife, Mattie Flora Cothran. Issue:
 (a) Homer Maxwell
 (b) William Lake Maxwell married Mattie
 Hayes. Issue: W. L.; Flora; Julia;
 Homer; Florence; Evelyn; Anna;
 Robert M. "Bobby".
 - Martha Covington (10 Jan. 1801-12 Sept. 1863) married IV. 24 Dec. 1817, Ingram Collier. They remained in Rutherford Co. and are the ancestors of Mrs. Sarah King.
 - John Covington (b. Ca. 1803) married 17 Feb. Jane Marlin and moved to Limestone Co., TX.
 - Eliza Covington married 20 Nov. 1822, Jerimiah W. VI. Kirby.
 - Mary Covington married 3 Dec. 1827, Thomas B. Porter VII. and moved to Arkansas.
 - Talitha Jane Covington married 6 Nov. 1829, Owen E. VIII. Austin and moved to Texas.
 - Edmond Joseph Covington (b. 1810) married 20 Dec. IX. 1830, Emelia D. Underwood and remained in Rutherford Co.
 - William Franklin Covington (5 Dec. 1813-16 Jan. 1897) х. married Margaret Wilson Demonbreum (6 Nov. 1820-3 Jan. 1897) and settled near College Grove, TN. They are the

ancestors of the late John Weakley Covington.

- XI. Marquis Lafayette Covington (26 Aug. 1815-16 July 1844) married Mrs. Elizabeth Snell Ransom. Their home was at Versailles, TN. Elizabeth had two sons by her first marriage, (Willis Ransom, born Ca. 1832; and, Richard Ransom, born Ca. 1835).
 - Mary Jane Covington (b. Ca. 1838)
 Susan A. Covington (B. Ca. 1840)
- XII. Julia A. Covington (15 Apr. 1820-16 July 1859) married 4 Aug. 1836, William Archibald Haynes (15 Aug. 1820-1887) and they remained in Rutherford Co.

Many Covington descendants still live in the Tenth District area. Through the generations, they have been short to medium in stature, with broad shoulders, and proud, erect carriage. They can be described as amiable but stern.

SANFORD MONROE CRICK By Kittie Carlton Williams

Sanford Monroe Crick, born 9 Nov. 1861, was the only son of Gideon Crick, born 15 Apr. 1837, and Mary A. Patterson, born 7 Nov. 1840, grandson of Newton Cannon Crick and Cynthia Pope, who were parents of eight children: Alfred, Nancy, Charlie, Martha, Mary Ann, Christiana, Lanenia, and F. Gideon. Monroe became a cripple at the age of four caused by a disease known as white swelling and now as polio. Sanford Monroe Crick's father, Gideon Crick, the only one of the eight to remain in the Versailles area, was killed in battle 31 July 1864, during the Civil War.

Monroe Crick walked with the help of a cane, attneded school, became a teacher, married 18 Dec. 1894, Cassie Joe Carlton, born 24 Mar. 1868. In 1884, Monroe Crick was the first teacher in the New Simmons School located on the same site as stands today the Rocky Glade Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Kitty Carlton Williams, a niece, has three of his teaching certificates (1884 - 1889 - 1890).

Later Monroe Crick was elected Trustee of Rutherford Co., for two terms, moved from Versailles to a house located on the Civil War battlefield, and afterwards became bookkeeper at the Murfreesboro Power and Light Co.

COMMUNICATIONS

(Contents developed through committee discussion.)

Communications in the wide area of Versailles and the Tenth District were as primitive as any other area of the country until the post office was established. Methods used were passing a message along by word of mouth, sending a child to deliver a message by walking, horseback or buggy, or just plain by talking to one another a mile away early in the morning when the air would serve as a better medium. Handed down from generation to generation, the story still is well known that Francis Jackson, living at the High House, could talk to his two brothers living at the now Captain Francis Jackson place and the Nathan Jackson place more recently known as the Charlie McLain place. These two distances, as the crow flies, are between one and half and two and half miles. They could hear each other holler and could interpret the message. Gradually as more noise became prevalent this method had to be abandoned. Lots of times messages were left at the nearest gathering points, such as the Versailles store. This was especially true after the post office came into being. These ways were used until 1916 with very little improvement. Prior to the rural mail routes, county papers periodically carried a list of names of persons having letters, or mail, at the local post office in hopes that the addressee would call for the letter.

In 1916, a few forward looking individuals with initiative learned the general procedures for establishing a telephone system. The Rockvale Home Mutual Telephone Association was organized under existing state laws and these same citizens, and others, actually built the Mutual system. They cut the poles, dug the holes, strung the wire, sold mutual stock for \$30.00 a share, bought a Western Electric switchboard, and were in business. Mrs. Ada Rowland operated the switchboard known as "central" or "center" from 1918 to her retirement in 1943. Monthly charges seldom exceeded one dollar. Connecting agreements were later worked out with the Murfreesboro and Eagleville systems and no toll was charged to these areas. There were seldom as many as one hundred paying stock holder-users. Except to a few within about one hundred yards of "central", no private lines existed--all party lines and as many as eight on occasions. "Eavesdropping" was common place and acceptable. Numbers were two or three digits, such as 24-3, which meant three rings on line twenty-four.

In the fall of 1933, in the heart of the great depression, the board elected by the users, voted a free months service and reduced monthly residential service to

seventy-five cents. This later proved to be the downfall of the system as an ice storm in March 1934 laid the poles and wires on the ground. It was rebuilt at wages of \$1.00-\$1.50 per day with as much salvageable wire and poles as possible. The system never fully recovered due to lack of capital and operating funds for construction, maintenance, and expansion and for wages for usually two employees, the "central" board operator and the service man.

When the availability of capital and management direction from the Federal Government came into being through the telephone Amendment to the Rural Electrification Act, which put competition in the telephone business, the local citizens chose to let south Central Bell have the franchise rather than continue a small system and non-profit basis with local ownership. Thus the locally owned telephone system appeared to go the way of the one room schools into a much larger unit state and nationwide. First eight party lines were tolerated; now only single party service is acceptable. An era passed. To return to the early 1800's seems impossible as well as unthinkable.

As late as the early 1920's there were only one or two radios. Some would walk a mile or more to listen to the radio with a lot of static interference on Saturday night. Probably as many as 100 home made crystal radios and head sets were in use in early 1930. Soon homes were saturated with radios for communications into the area from the outside world. Just about the same course was followed in the late 1940's and early 1950's with television.

These two mediums, radio and television, did not accelerate in usage in the area until the middle and later 1930's when the Rural Electrification Act made it possible for local rural persons to establish, own and operate an electric non-profit utility. Until then about four delcos were in use; the Lowe family, the Rockvale High School, the Charlie McLain family and at Pucketts.



Mrs. Ada Rowland Holton sits before her switchboard in this old photograph. This was her spot from 1918 to 1943. The switchboard is now on display in Cannonsburg. - 91 -

THE ROBERT DANIEL DEJARNETT - CASSIE ELIZABETH NANCE FAMILY By Betty Jo DeJarnett

Robert Daniel DeJarnett, son of Daniel Marshall DeJarnett and Frances Clayton both of whose ancestors came to Virginia in the 1600's, married 11 Feb. 1885, Cassie Elizabeth (Bet) Nance, daughter of John Woods Nance and Julia Ann Jackson. The family moved to a farm on the east side of Stones River at Barfield. He became sheriff of Rutherford County in the 1880's. Their eight children, all born at Barfield, were:

- 1. Sadie Florence DeJarnett (16 Jan. 1886-30 Aug. 1932) married 27 Dec. 1906, John Rucker Leathers, a policeman at Broad and 16th Streets in Nashville for years. The five Leathers children are: John R., James Porter, Martha Elizabeth, Raymond and Ramsey, all born between 1907-1920. All except Elizabeth are in the Nashville-Lebanon area.
- 2. John Nance DeJarnett (29 Nov. 1888-9 Mar. 1954) married 16 Mar. 1919, Ethel Dermilius Carter. Their children are: James William, Austin Gray, John Nance, Elizabeth (Betty Jo) and Robert Daniel. John was a magistrate for years.
- 3. Robert Marshall DeJarnett (1 Feb. 1898-21 Sept. 1970) married 4 July 1920, May Belle Ivie. Their four children are: Benjamin Marshall, Emma Dean, Ivie Mai, and Eddie Frank. All were born between 1921-1928.
- 4. Frances Elizabeth (Fannie Bet) DeJarnett married 4 July 1920, Willie C. Baskins. Their two children are: Lee Baskins and Fred Clayton Baskins.
- 5. Daniel Mann DeJarnett (3 May 1897 Ca. 1950's)
- 6. Julian DeJarnett
- 7. Lois Dean DeJarnett (5 June 1899-Oct. 1950) blind almost from birth and medically and surgically uncorrectable at that time.
- 8. Lockie Clayton DeJarnett, died an infant.

TENTH DISTRICT DOCTORS

Dr. John Netherland Dykes (Handed down by word of mouth.)

Around 1870, Dr. John Netherland Dykes came into the Versailles-Rockvale area, married Margaret Carlton, daughter of Blake Carlton, and became a valuable citizen of the community. His home was on a part of the original Carlton Land Grant and stands directly opposite the entrance to the Snail Shell Cave Road, now owned and occupied by Henry Manning.

After several years of serving the community as a capable medical doctor, respected citizen, and postmaster in his home at Pin Hook, Dr. Dykes moved to Christiana.

Dr. John Jackson Garrett
Information by Margaret Garrett Richardson,
the microfilm records and others.

Dr. John Jackson Garrett, born 12 Oct. 1870, near Rover and Fruit Valley area in Bedford County, was one of ten children of Robert Cannon Garrett and Martha Lytle Jackson of Irish and English lineages. Dr. Garrett married 1 Dec. 1906, Mary Ann Ivie, a niece of C. D. Ivie, and they had four children:

- 1. Robert Ivie Garrett (12 Oct. 1908-13 July 1974) married 26 Dec. 1939, Elizabeth Wassell. Issue, 2 children: Robert Ivie Garrett, Jr. and Timothy Garrett.
- 2. Mary Dell Garrett (23 Apr. 1910 ___) married 25 Sept. 1931, Andrew M. Jarrett. Issue, one child: Andrew M. Jarrett, Jr.
- 3. John Jackson Garrett, Jr. (31 Mar. 1912 ___) married first, August 1940, Eileen Peebles. Issue, one child: John J. Garrett, III; married second, Aug. 1952, Ruth Hoover.
- 4. Margaret Louise Garrett (15 Feb. 1915 ___) married May 1932, Lavon Richardson. Issue, 2 children: Larry Richardson and Carol Richardson.

Dr. Garrett graduated from the Nashville Medical School of the University of Tennessee in April 1900, and immediately began practice in the Tenth District. Practice was continuous in the Rockvale-Versailles and adjacent areas, except for one year in Bell Buckle. His reputation as a diagnostician or internist and medical doctor became widespread among citizens of the area and with other doctors and surgeons in Nashville and Murfreesboro. His patients included all who requested his service regardless of their race, creed, or financial status. Many calls were made for which he never expected to be paid. Even during inclement weather, night and day, he went, traveling at first by horseback, buggy and later by T-model Ford, occasionally driven by one of his four children, and others.

One rare and unusual case was that of Will Harris, who had an ice pick stuck in the top of his head, came out in the roof of his mouth and the handle broke off even with his skull. The event occurred in a fight at an ice cream picnic type gathering of black persons at a tenant house.

Will walked the mile north to Dr. Garrett's home. The doctor examined him, gave out a loud guffaw, got a pair of wire pliers, pulled the ice pick out, poured iodine in the wound, and sent him on his way to live for many years.

In the early twenties Dr. Garrett had a large barn (100' X 150') built near Rockvale stores and across the road from the family home and his small outside office near the Versailles road. Part of the labor was furnished by patients who could not otherwise pay. Being community and school improvement-minded, the loft was floored and used as a gymnasium for basketball and roller-skating by the Rockvale High School until 1929. This was the first gymnasium in the county except for the Teachers College and Murfreesboro Central's box type court. Six Aladdin laterns lighted the floor. Spectators sat on bales of hay or stood on loft joists. Some game receipts amounted to \$5-\$10.

Dr. John J. Garrett's tragic death, for which the area never really recovered, occurred 17 Sept. 1929, at age 59, when he was shot by Fred Boyce, insane at the time. Wounded in his left breast by a 12-guage shotgun, he died in seconds on the ground close to the Bedford County house porch of his patient who had requested rural medical service. His death removed from the rural communities a leading citizen and the county's most prominent doctor.

Three ministers conducted the funeral. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro, with physicians of Rutherford and Bedford Counties, plus Dr. Frank Fessey of Nashville serving as pall bearers. Thus an inquiring, scientific mind was abruptly lost.

Following this tragedy, his wife, Mary Ann Ivie Garrett, entered Teachers College as a freshman, graduated and taught elementary school for many years.

<u>Dr. Elias Tidwell Gray</u> Information from Ellis Gray - his grandson

Dr. Elias Tidwell Gray's ancestors came from England, settled in Virginia, and later came to Tennessee. He was a practicing physician during the Civil War and came to the Versailles-Concord area from Fayetteville or Columbia, Tennessee. He married Josephine Downing of the Concord area. They made their first home at the Floyd place; then moved to their permanent home located west of the Rockvale School and back of the Joe Manning home.

Not only was he Gray in name, but he wore a long gray beard, gray hair, and always rode a gray horse, whether by intent or coincidence. Dr. Gray attended the Nashville Medical School. A was the custom of country doctors at that time, he always rode horseback, carrying his medicines in saddle bags. He bought his supply of medicines from Frank Nance at the Versailles Store. He carried a knife with a long blade with which he would reach into the bottle of powdered medicine, take out the proper amount for one dose, wrap it in a small piece of white paper and place it, with many similar ones in his saddle bags. On occasion, before the days of capsules, he possessed the knowledge to mix two or more powders into one dose, fold it in a paper, and call it a "tablet". Calomel, a strong purgative, was a much used medicine at that time, as was also paregoric to relieve pain, with catnip tea and castoria for babies. Carrying his medicines with him was a necessity as well as a great convenience to his patients, at a time of few drug stores and horse and buggy travel. At this point in time, the medical doctor was often asked to play the part of a dentist, not for filling a tooth, but for extracting an aching tooth. An improvised dental chair was made by turning a wash tub upside down, and placing a chair with arms on the tub. The doctor would then extract the tooth by means of forceps, usually without the comfort of an anesthetic.

Dr. Gray was most considerate, even sympathetic, in his charges. He charged one dollar for delivering a baby and would accept his pay in farm products; possibly a hog jowl, a bushel of turnips or apples, or a piece of side meat. Oh, that such a spirit of sympathy was with us today.

Dr. Gray was highly respected by all who knew him and greatly loved his patients. He died in 1915 at the age of 82.

<u>Dr. Amasa Webb (Macie) Manier</u> Information gathered and assembled by Carmine Jackson

Dr. Amasa Webb (Macie) Manier was the son of David Lemuel Manier and Susan Manier. He was born 8 Feb. 1837 at the old Jody Ralston place. He married 11 Mar. 1858, Julia White. Their home was what is now the Alex Ralston place.

For two years during the Civil War, Dr. Manier served in the Confederate Army as a Hospital Stewart and Detailed Assistant Surgeon. He resigned in 1862 and returned home. (This information was taken from the Muster Roll of the 24th Tennessee Infantry - Co. A.)

Dr. Manier is said to have built the first home in the new village of Rockvale. The exact location is not known; it stood only a short time before being consumed by fire.

Dr. Manier practiced medicine before and after the Civil War in the communities of Needmore, Versailles, Rockvale and Rover. Dr. Manier at times rode his horse bareback to visit his patients.

After a long and useful life, he died on 24 July 1913 at the age of 76.

Dr. Thomas Ivin Poplin
(From a newspaper article written by Dick Poplin, a nephew)

Dr. Thomas Ivin Poplin (born 1868) was the son of William Richard Poplin and Amna Melissa Susan Jackson Poplin, who was the seventh daughter of Williams Jackson and Drucilla Lytle.

Thomas Ivin Poplin and his brother, Richard E. Poplin, and several cousins who lived near by, "read" medicine at home before attending the University of Tennessee Medical School in Nashville. Many young people formed the habit of sitting before the home fire and spending the long winter evenings reading books. This habit proved a great benefit to the group who studied together with Thomas and Richard Poplin. Both Poplin brothers and two of the cousins who studied with them became medical doctors; one became a parmacist.

After finishing the Medical School in Nashville, Thomas Poplin stayed for a time in the home of Dr. Robert Read in Murfreesboro, studying and practicing with him. Dr. Poplin began his own independent practice in the community of Patterson (sometimes called "Possum Trot") located near the Williamson-Rutherford County line between Eagleville and Triune.

Dr. Poplin proved himself to be a very kind and generous man. In those days, people talked about doctors "waiting on" the sick. This meant that the doctor went to the home, through any kind of weather or rough road, and often stayed all night during serious illness or stayed until the crisis was passed. This was before the days of easy access to a hospital or when a trained nurse would come to the home. When Dr. Poplin was called to a sick bed, he went regardless of whether the patient was white or black or

whether he had any prospect of receiving his pay. Quite often the pay came in pigs, calves, chickens, or farm produce; however, he remained true to the oath of a medical doctor, to do his very best to help suffering humanity.

While practicing his profession at Patterson, he met and married Mattie Leathers, sister of Jim Leathers. They became the parents of two daughters, Robbie Lee Poplin, who taught the Midland School and married Burney Tucker; and Annie Mitchell Poplin, who married Walter Modrall.

From Patterson, Dr. Poplin moved to Rockvale where he had an extensive practice that included Versailles and all the Tenth District. While living here, a young medical doctor, J. J. Garrett, studied and practiced with Dr. Poplin.

Leaving Dr. Garrett in charge of the practice in the Tenth District, Dr. Poplin moved to Midland, a community near the Rutherford-Bedford County line.

After a strenuous and well-spent life, devoted to his profession, Dr. Thomas Ivin Poplin died during 1916. He is buried in the Poplin Cemetery near and west of Cader's Crossing.

"As long as memories of such men remain, the term 'Country Doctor' will be one of love and respect."

Dr. Jefferson Robinson From Fannie P. Taylor scrapbook and memory of Maira J. Garrett

Dr. Jefferson Robinson, born Aug. 1862, in Alabama moved into the Versailles-Concord community around the turn of the century. He lived in the house that stood a short distance back of the Concord Methodist Church. However, he built for himself an office on the south side of the crossroads directly in front of the Concord store. No record of his medical practice has been found. After about two years, he moved away.

Dr. J. A. Sharber From Jackson ancestors

One of the earliest medical doctors in the Versailles Community was Dr. J. A. Sharber, who married 7 Mar. 1860, Lucretia Jackson, daughter of Francis Jackson,

II. They lived on the road leading from the Versailles Store to the Concord Store on the farm later owned by Tennie Williams. Dr. Sharber lived only a short time after his marriage and is ; buried in the Sharber Cemetery located on the farm where he lived.

Dr. John W. Taylor From Mary T. Taylor Fughum, a niece

Dr. John W. Taylor (14 Dec. 1862-5 Nov. 1927) was the son of Joseph Taylor and Nancy Henricks Taylor. They lived on the main road near Pucketts Store. Dr. John W. Taylor married Lula Virginia Lynch and attended Medical College in Nashville.

FARRIS, FERRAR, FARRAR By Gladys Wheeler Farris

From a small town in Gascony, France, came the Farrises who settled near Versailles, Tennessee in the early 1830's. The town, Franceem, was also known as Ferriers due to the iron mines. From this and that his coat of arms bore six horseshoes, Gwalchelme de Ferriers took his name. It is said that he served as Master of Horse to William the Duke of Normandy, later known as William the conqueror. Gwalchelme arrived in England as a result of the Norman Invasion in 1066.

In the early 16th Century, John Ferrar migrated to Hertford. He was related to Robert Ferrar, the bishop, and came from Yorkshire. His wife's name was Mary. John died in 1590. There were at least three children: Nicholas, John and Henry.

Nicholas Ferrar (1544-April 1620) an eminent merchant of London and a Member of the Virginia Company, traded extensively to the East and West Indies. Nicholas married Mary Woodenoth, daughter of George Woodnoth, Shevington. They had issue: Susannah, John, Erasmus, Nicholas, Captain William, Richard and Joyce. Nicholas and Mary were highly respected citizens and their protraits may be viewed in the Master's Lodge of Magdolen College at Cambridge.

Captain William Ferrar was the immigrant ancestor and the founder of the Farrar family in America. He was born in 1593 and came to Virginia on the ship Neptune in April

1618 and died before 11 June 1637, age 44. He amassed many thousands of acres of land by royal grants and purchases. His holdings included his home plantation of 2,000 acres in the James River known as Farrar's Island below Richmond, where the first four generations of the family lived in America. He married about 1625, Cecily Jordan, in Henrico Co., VA. Cecily was born about 1600 in England, emigrated to Virginia aboard the Swan in 1610; died Farrar's Island after 1637. Issue: Colonel William and Lt. Col. John.

Colonel William Farrar (1626-6 May 1676) married Mary ____. Issue: Major William, Thomas, John, Martha and Cecily. Colonel William inherited Farrar's Island from his father.

Thomas Farrar, born 1665, Farrar's Island died in Goochland Co., VA at age 77. In 1686 he married Katherine Perrin, daughter of Richard Perrin, Henrico Co. They had eight children: Perrin, William, Joseph, John, Martha, Mary, Sarah and Katherine.

William Farrar, born Farrar's Island 1690, will approved June 1744, Goochland Co., married Sarah _____, and had five sons: Perrin, Thomas, Richard, William and Joseph.

Richard Farrar, born 1725, Goochland Co., died 1790, married first Elizabeth Saunders, second Susannah Shelton and had issue: Stephen, Shadrack, Priscilla, Rene, Thomas, William, Richard, John, James, Charles, Betty, Nancy and Hezekiah. Of these at least four sons moved to Franklin Co., Tennessee, in 1811 - John, William, Richard and Thomas.

Richard Farrar, born 1765, Louisa Co., Va., married in 1797, Martha McClalin of Hanover Co. Issue: Richard, Susie, Patty, nancy, John and twins, Charles Blackman and a girl who died at birth. Charles B. was brought by his mother on horseback and was almost lost as the horse had to swim a raging river. Shortly after their arrival in Winchester, Franklin Co., TN, Richard was kicked by his horse and died not long after. He and his wife, Martha are buried in the Old Faris Graveyard on the Huntland Road about three miles from Winchester.

Rev. Charles Blackman (Kit) Faris was born 4 June 1809 in Louisa Co., Va. He left Franklin Co., TN and joined the Tennessee Conference and was sent to a large circuit in Rutherford Co., TN, near Versailles. He was fond of a good joke and was a fine story teller. He was loved and honored by young and old. Many brought their problems and sorrows to him. It was said that he married and buried more persons

than any minister in the county, if not the state. He was a reader of good books and built up a good-sized library. Dr. John Mathews said of him in a book he published: "Charles Blackman Faris, according to the technique of the scholars, was not an educated man, but he was wonderfully magnetic in his associations with individuals and his life was almost faultless. The people delighted to hear him preach and as a singer, few surpassed him. He was considered one of the most useful men in the Conference. When he was sent to this circuit, one of his parishioners was Esq. John Ransom and his wife, Elizabeth, who was the daughter of Rev. John Bowman. They were wealthy land and slave owners. They had a beautiful and accomplished daughter named Mary. The young prachers and a wealthy young man of Nashville became rivals for the hand of Mary. Mr. Ransom was not blind to what was going on and he though the Methodist preacher was first in his daughter's affections and though to advise Mary. He said, "Daughter, I have observed the attentions of the young preacher and this young man of Nashville. He is rich; he can provide you a good home and all the comforts of life. When he comes to see you, he drives a fine span of horses to a fine carriage. The young preacher is a gentleman--no fault to find with him, but he is a poor young man. He has no home to offer you. He can't provide the comforts you are accustomed to. If it was left to me to make a choice of a husband, I would not hesitate to accept this young man from Nashville." Mary said, "Father, if his horses were silver and his carriage gold, I would accept the Methodist preacher." Mary's father said, "Daughter, I fear you are making a great mistake, but if the preacher is your choice, I will not object." In due time, Charles B. and Mary Ransom were married on 2 Oct. 1839. It proved to be a very happy marriage and prospered both financially and spiritually. During his life he gave land for the Methodist Church near Versailles and also founded the Methodist Church Barfield, known as Faris Chapel in his honor. Issue of this union: John Wesley, Richard, Alfred Ransom, Infant unnamed, Charles A., Mary Elizabeth, Susan, Dora and Fannie Alice. Rev. C. B. Faris died 4 Aug. 1887, and is buried in the Farris family plot at the homeplace near Versailles.

John Wesley Farris was born 30 Sept. 1840, and is the first one to change the spelling of Faris to Farris. He married Mary Anna Elizabeth Hopkins on 18 Apr. 1866. She was the daughter of James Copeland Hopkins and Nancy Davis Adcock. Her ancestry may be traced to Jonathan Frost of Virginia who was killed in the American Revolution in 1780. It is probable that Mr. Frost was of Quaker descent and loyal to the British.

John Wesley Farris served in the Confederate Army along side General Nathan Bedford Forrest in the Civil War. He was wounded in the shoulder and carried the bullet in his body to his death bed. In 1934 he was the only member of the Co. A. 24th TN Inf. still living. He operated a saw mill on the Snail Shell Cave Road until his son Dewitt Hopkins Farris was old enough to take over. Dewitt purchased land and moved the mill father up the road. The business has become very prosperous. After Dewitt's retirement his son Sam C. Farris bought the business and is carrying on successfully. John Wesley and Mary Anna had issue: anna Mary, Susan E. N., James Richard, Fannie Adelaide, John Wesley, Jr., Sarah Pearl, Lena Hopkins, Bessie Ransom, Cynthia Louise, Dewitt Hopkins and Geneva Gray.

Dewitt Hopkins Farris, born 17 Oct. 1789 married 29 Dec. 1915, Nettie Woodson (2 Oct. 1894-26 Nov. 1973), the daughter of Limuel Fount and Mary Elizabeth Sudberry Woodson.

Issue:

- John Wesley Farris, b. 3 Nov. 1916, married 1st, Annie Ruth Carlton, 2nd, Josephine Ralston. No children.
- 2. James Hopkins Farris, b. 11 Mar. 1918, married Ella Gambill.
- 3. Dewitt Hopkins, Jr., b. 22 Oct. 1919, married Mary Johnson. Two sons: Raymond Farris married Mildred McDaniel; James Farris married Gloria Jean Pinkston.
- 4. Limuel Fount Farris, b. 14 Aug. 1921 married Gladys Wheeler. Two children: Shirley Frances Farris and Deborah Elizabeth Farris. (See Gillespie family).
- 5. Charles Blackman Farris (22 Jan. 1923-17 July 1926)
- 6. Sam Cox Farris, b. 27 June 1924, married Sammie Carlton. Two children: Nettie Ann Farris married Randal Thronberry; William Hopkins Farris married Linda Harris.
 - 7. Alfred Garrett Farris (28 Nov. 1925-24 Sept. 1926)
- 8. Frank Corley Farris, b. 16 June 1927, married Bettye Gambill. Four children: Frank Corley Farris, Jr.; Brenda Ann Farris married Jimmy Burns; Larry Eugene Farris; Timothy Farris.
- 9. Ellis Ransom Farris, b. 18 July 1931, married Ruby Spray. Three children: Jimmy T. Farris; Joan Farris and Douglas Farris.
- 10. Robert Irvin Farris, b. 22 Sept. 1932, married Sara Lyons. Three children: Cynthia Farris, Robert Farris and Anthony Farris.

Cynthia Louise Farris (10 Mar. 1887-22 Nov. 1980) married first Losey L. Neely, with issue: John Neely and Mary Elizabeth Neely. Cynthia Louise married second, Jimmie

- D. Woodson. Issue 7 children: J. D. Woodson, Emma Gloria Woodson, Margaret Sue Woodson, Leslie Fisher Woodson, Louise Woodson, and Leila Woodson.
- Ref: American's of Gentle Birth; Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 1,7,9; Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700, Hotten 1874; Benning Vol. 1, 11; Henrico, Louisa, Douglas Parish Register, Goochland Counties, Virginia; Franklin and Rutherford Cos., TN records; Family Bible records.

THE THOMAS WASHINGTON GARRETT FAMILY Information by three grandsons of Thomas Washington Garrett: Holt and Herbert Garrett and John Milton Kimmins

The Garrett family originally came from Lancastershire, England and settled near Philadelphia. Later a branch of this family moved to Bardstown, Kentucky. Two children of this family, Eli and a brother, were captured by the Indians. Eli escaped with the Indians in hot pursuit, and hid in a pile of brush. At intervals, he would ease his head out to watch the Indians, but remained hidden so very long that the Indians decided he had been drowned in the Ohio River. When the Indians went away, Eli came out, boarded a boat on the river, and reached home. The fate of his brother is not known.

Eli Garrett married Agatha Nash of the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, a sister of William Nash. Their father was a son of General Francis Nash of Revolutionary War fame. Nashville, Tennessee was named in honor of General Nash. William Nash was a surveyor, who, with Colonel Robert Weakley, laid out and surveyed Rutherford County.

Milton Garrett, son of Eli and Agatha Nash Garrett married Sciota Holden on 14 Feb. 1820. Sciota Holden was the daughter of Dennis Holden and Sarah Nash Holden, who was the daughter of Thomas Nash. Milton and Sciota made their home in Bedford County, Tennessee, where on 16 Aug. 1842, a son, Thomas Washington Garrett was born. When Thomas was a very small child, his parents moved to Versailles in Rutherford County.

On 16 Aug. 1861, Thomas Washingth Garrett volunteered for service in the Confederate Army. He was a member of Company A, 24th TN Inf. which had its early beginning at Versailles, and was mustered at Camp Trousdale, 27 Aug. 1861. Casualty lists of Co. A indicate action in the Battles

of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge.

Thomas Washington Garrett was never wounded or taken prisoner. By his own testimony, he never went into battle without first getting down on his knees and begging God's protective care. He said he had seven holes shot through his uniform, a canteen burst by a bullet, one-half of his cap bill shot away, but received no wound on his body. He surrendered to General Joseph E. Johnston at Greensboro, N.C.

The method of surrender was to have all guns stacked, have the soldiers to leave in groups of ten, allowing one man among the ten to carry one gun for protection and to procure wild game for food. Tom Garrett was the man in his group to carry the gun, which he had called "Old Betsy". Their only means of transportation was walking. Each man in order to be released gave an oath of allegiance to the Union against which he had been fighting.

After returning home to Versailles and to the peaceful pursuits of citizenship, Thomas W. Garrett married Elinor Harding Jackson, daughter of Richard Jackson and Elizabeth Clark, in 1866. They made their home on the plantation adjoining the John Clark place on the south. Tom Garrett built a large new house which stands today (1982), owned and occupied by a grandson, Holt Garrett. Tom Garrett and Elinor Jackson became the parents of six daughters and two sons:

- 1. Elizabeth Sciota Garrett, who taught in local schools, married 1892, William J. Dyer. Three children:
 - A. Garrett Dyer
- B. John Dyer (now deceased) who moved to Chapel Hill, married Minnie Fairfield Dyer, a teacher and author of note (See History of Eagleville - 1972)
- C. Frances Garrett Dyer, who married Leslie Fairchild and moved to Chicago.
- 2. Frances Garrett, married 1897, J. O. Click, and moved to Kansas. Three children: Oliver Click, Elinor Click, Charlie Click.
- 3. Alice Garrett married 1896, John Lee Poplin and moved to North Carolina. Three children: Marion Poplin, Alf Poplin, Thomas Poplin.
 - Mattie Garrett married 1905, J. Will Kimmins, and died 2 May 1909.
 - 5. Sarah (Sallie) Agatha Garrett married 26 Dec. 1910, Will Kimmins. Three children: A. Daughter died in infancy B. Joe Kimmins two daughters: Nell and Dovie
 - C. John Milton Kimmins. Two children: Joel, Sallie.

6. Nellie Garrett - died in infancy

7. Milton Harding Garrett, never married, moved west from Versailles.

8. Richard Jackson Garrett married Ethel Smotherman. They continued living in the Tom Garrett home and became parents of three sons:

A. Holt Garrett, married Sarah Alsup and had two children: a daughter who died in infancy and Jimmie, who married Marian Miller and lives in Texas. Holt's second marriage was to Belle Smotherman.

B. Herbert Garrett, married Mamie Heath. Three children: Thomas Washington Garrett, Ray Garrett and Fay

Garrett Thompson.

C. Woods Garrett, Sr., born 22 July 1909, early in life joined the United States Army. He was stationed in North Carolina where he met and married Esther Blanton in 1930. They became the parents of one child, Woods Garrett, Jr. However, Esther died in childbirth. During the freshness of his grief, Woods wrote to his mother that nothing seemed left for him, but the lake. The lake was dragged and every possible means of locating him was used, but to no avail. No trace has ever been found. Sad! Sad! Esther's mother reared the baby, Woods Garrett, Jr., now married and the father of four children, all living in North Carolina.

Thomas Washington Garrett spent a long and useful life. He was a member of Rockvale Masonic Lodge 413 and of the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. From his farm he gave the trees from which the lumbar was sawed to be used in erecting the new church building. He also gave the site on his farm for a school building, known as Woodlawn Academy and later as Garrett School.

On the afternoon of 4 Dec. 1923, he fell from a high porch at his home, which resulted in his death on 8 Dec. 1923. He was buried beside his wife, who had died during 1890. This family cemetery is located on a high hill overlooking the Versailles and Midland communities. Attending his burial were four of his comrades—at—arms from the Confederate Army: Bob Whitus, John W. Farris, W. L. Leathers and Robert Averett. Frank Seay (colored) was also present because he had attended "the boys" as Body Servant during the War.

THE GILLESPIE FAMILY By Gladys Wheeler Farris

The Gillespie ancestry may be traced to Rev. Andrew Simson who was born in Scotland in 1520. He married Violet Adamson, sister to the Archbishop of St. Andrews. One of their sons, Patrick, became a Presbyterian minister. Rev. Patrick Simson, 1556-1618, married Martha Baron. One of their daughters, Lilias, born about 1580, married Rev. John Gillespie, 1580-1627. He was ordained to Alva, 18th July 1603. Their children: John, George, Patrick, William, Janet, Lilias, Christian and Mary. John became captain in the army. Patrick born about 1616, became Principal of Glasgow University. He was also known to be a friend of Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of Great Britain from 1653-1658.

Rev. George Gillespie (1613-1648), married Margaret Murray. Their children were: Rev. Robert, George, Archibald and Elizabeth. Before his death at the age of 35, he became quite prominent in the Scottish Presbyterian Church. His portrait is preserved in a stained glass windown of the church in Edinburgh to commemorate his church work.

George Gillespie (1644-1722), immigrated to America, settled in Cecil Co., MD and married the daughter of John Garner. Issue: Patrick, Rev. George, Robert, Allan, James, Ellen and Sarah.

Patrick Gillespie, died 1747, married Ann, daughter of Daniel Dennison, and raised his family in Frederick Co., VA. Issue: William, Patrick, John, <u>Daniel</u>, Jane and Sarah.

Daniel Gillespie (1743-1829) married Margaret Hall. Issue: Daniel, Rev. John, James Smiley, Nancy, Ann, Robert, Patrick and Thankful. Later, along with his brother John, Daniel moved to North Carolina. Daniel became a colonel during the Revolutionary War and fought with George Washington at Valley Forge. He was one of the first settlers of Guildford Co., NC and one of the founders of Greensboro. He served in both Houses of the Legislature of North Carolina for Guilford Co., when North Carolina was a colony and later when North Carolina became one of the States. He helped write the Constitution of North Carolina and was a member of the Assembly that ratified the United States Constitution for the State of North Carolina. His remains rest in the Old Buffalo Presbyterian Churchyard just north of Greensboro, NC.

James Smiley Gillespie (1770-1859), the third son

of Col. Daniel and Margaret, married 19 June 1791, Hannah Denny, daughter of James Denny who was born in Ireland in 1715. James Smiley and Hannah came to the Versailles Community shortly after their marriage to take care of the land which his father had acquired as Revolutionary War grants. In the early 1800's Rutherford Co. Tax records show, James Smiley Gillespie as the largest tax payer in Rutherford Co. He and Hannah had five children: John William, Robert, Thomas, Nancy and Margaret.

John William Gillespie (1798-1892) married Parmelia Cheatham, born 1793, the daughter of Dr. William Cheatham. Their children were: William Cheatham Gillespie, Phebe Ann Gillespie and Nancy D. Gillespie. John William carried on his father's love for tending the soil and also had the time to operate a blacksmith shop at Versailles. At the age of 14 years he marched with General Andrew Jackson to New Orleans.

Nancy D. Gillespie (19 May 1828-29 Apr. 1885) married 26 Feb. 1846, Robert Drury King (13 Nov. 1824-1 Oct. 1903), the son of Rev. John and Rebecca Upshaw King and the nephew of the Rev. Samuel King, one of the founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1810. Nancy and Robert had seven children: Nealus Brown King, Lyvonia King, Joseph King, Kenneth R. King, Virginia D. King, Euphamie King, and Phebe Ann King.

Phebe Ann King (1 Mar. 1865-7 Sept. 1938) married 16 Feb. 1886, James Thomas Davis. The couple lived near Versailles all their lives and had four children: Margaret Elizabeth Davis, James Ivie Davis, Effic Frances Davis and Robert Lee Davis.

Effie Frances Davis (27 July 1895-24 July 1921) married Amos McKinley Wheeler (b. 19 Sept. 1901). The had two children: Gladys Ann Wheeler and Ruby Elizabeth Wheeler.

Gladys Ann Wheeler (17 Mar. 1923-___) married 20 April 1946, Limuel Fount Farris. They have two children: Shirley Frances Farris and Deborah Elizabeth Farris. (See Farris family).

Ref: The University of Glasgow; The Dictionary of National Biolgraphy, by George Smith; From the Earlierst Times to 1900 written by Gladys Wheeler; Scotts Ancestry Research Society of Edinburgh, Scotland; Lost Tribes of North Carolina by Ray; Founders and Builders of Greensboro by Caldwell; Williamson and Rutherford Cos., TN records; Family Bible records; History of Buffalo Presbyterian Church and Her People by Rankin.

POST OFFICE Research by John Nance

Postal service in the English Colonies was supplied by private enterprise and was the responsibility of each colony under supervision of the English Crown.

Following the Revolution, 1775-1783, it was imperative that channels of communications be established within the bounds of the new formed nation immediately.

The Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin as Postmaster General with instructions to initiate postal service between the states. Under Franklin's direct supervision, postal service along the east coast and within populated areas became effective immediately. Service to isolated areas continued to be provided by private carriers, horseback riders, buggies, wagons and walking travelers. Drop points such as trading posts, mills and individual residences were used.

Versailles, located in an isolated remote rural area on the Columbia Dirt Road, was within the boundary of Indian Territory, until the Tellico Treaty of 1805. Versailles was considered as a major drop point, defined as a post office at that time, and depended on this type of service until 1830, when the post office was officially established. The signing of the Treaty extended Rutherford County boundary line to the Alabama State line. It's location amplified it's importance as a communications and trading point until the forming of Bedford County. Versailles during this time was located in Williamson County.

Before the year 1900 mail was delivered to rural residents out of post offices when that addressed or his agent came in and asked for it. For instance, if the addressee lived eight miles from the post office, that would mean a 16 mile round trip by horse or walking. Delivery to the post office at first was once a week, then, thrice, and later six days each week. Druing the first 25 years of this initial development period most any community could get a post office usually amount to a drop point. Usually the store owner or clerk served as postmaster as he had to be present anyway. The development of the rural routes caused a discontinuance of the small post offices as transportation improved. This continues even today. Some examples of these are Everglades, Puckett, Rover and Versailles. These experimental or trial routes began, by authority of Congress, near Washington, D. C.; and was voted to extend nationwide.

During the period 1836-1875 the boundary line between Williamson and Rutherford counties changed several times. In 1839 a boundary change was ratified and became effective in 1840 placing Versailles in Rutherford County.

Postmaster lists with dates of service have been compiled and maintained by several sources. Land Laws of Tennessee, Book 1 & 2; D. B. Beers map of Rutherford County made from the 1870 census; Tennessee Gazateer map of 1834 and the Rutherford County Historical Society are some of these sources.

Postmasters by dates of service are listed below:

Versailles: Williamson County.

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Versailles: Rutherford County

4.	Marquis L. Covington	April 27, 1840
5.	James C. Hopkins	October 2, 1846
6.	Samuel M. Hopkins	May 1, 1851
7.	Willis S. Ransom	May 24, 1854
8.	William W. Arnold	May 38, 1866
9.	John W. Parsley	December 11, 1866
10.	W. C. Westbrooks	October 7, 1869
11.	John W. Nance	March 25, 1874
12.	Benjamin F. (Frank) Nar	ace August 4. 1896

Discontinued September 15, 1906.

Rockvale - 10th District - Rutherford County

1872
1881
1891
1893
1906
1907
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1953

Rockvale, much like Versailles, started as a drop point. In 1869, John N. Dykes brought four acres of land near the Snail Shell Cave Road for approximately \$100.00. Upon completion of the building of his home, he set aside

one room to be used as a post office. Thus Dykes was the first postmaster, but not officially appointed.

The post office remained at this location for several years. It was officially established in 1872 with Minus B. Carlton named as postmaster. Since there was not an immediate move or change in location, many rumors have it that Dykes continued to serve though Carlton was the appointed official.

In 1884 Frank Carlton built the store house now known as Windrows Grocery. After obtaining approval, the post office was relocated in the store on the north side as you enter the front door. It was relocated in a store operated by Jim Cabiler around 1900, approximately fifty yards west of the present day site. It was then moved to the present site in the lower floor of the Masonic Building in 1911. This building burned in 1934 and was immediately rebuilt. Records show that not a penny or piece of mail was lost during the fire.

The first rural route was started as an experiment in the early part of 1901. Minus B. Carlton served as the first rural carrier, 1901-1907.

When this news became known in the wide general area, Freeland Jackson, Andrew A. Scott, Bates Dryden and Finis Tucker laid out four different routes, took names of would-be patrons and made application to be mail carrier. A postal employee rode the routes and numbered them numerically. An examination was held by the postal official and the routes were awarded accordingly. A. A. Scott made the highest grade and was awarded route numbered one, which was the one Freeland Jackson laid out. In 1907 A. A. Scott was ordered to operate out of the Rockvale Post Office and the route was rearranged, went to Concord, out toward Windrow, around through Jackson Ridge, through the Ditch Lane, down the highway to Mt. Vernon Road, through Bunker Hill to Rover, Putnam Well, Fruit Valley and on to Versailles and Rockvale. Freeland Jackson thus received the route No. 1 and A. A. Scott took route No. 2. Jackson came from Eagleville through Mt. Pleasant, Versailles and Concord. Thus both Versailles and Concord had rural mail service from Rockvale and Eagleville until 1934. When Jackson retired the Tenth District portion of the Eagleville route was added to Scotts Rockvale route. Scott retired from mail service in 1935, after 31 years of service without a day off for any reason and never missed serving all his route every day during this time. The roads were mud; there were no bridges on most creeks and rain and sometimes snow blocked sections of the

narrow, deep cut roads. There were times when the horse would be washed down the creek. Lilliard Smotherman replaced Scott in 1935, and when he retired the first 51 years of R.F.D. (Rural Free Delivery) was completed.

Beginning after 1870, the communities of Rockvale and Concord gradually began to develop all the requirements of a community and rivaled Versailles: general store, blacksmith shop, grist mill, cobbler shop, buggy or carrier shop, cabinet shop, school and church. Locally the three are considered separately but the whole wide area before 1870 was Versailles and after 1870 gradually became Rockvale. This was accelerated by the rural route initiating in Rockvale, the next school consolidation, school wagon routes, mutual telephone company and some new church organizations. Today Rockvale and Versailles share the neucleus of the Tenth District. Some of the above information was too minor to record and came from knowledge of living descendents and friends of A. A. (Buck) Scott.

The Versailles Post Office has always passed down from generation to generation as the second post office in Rutherford County. Old Jefferson was first. However, the records reveal that Versailles was in Williamson County until 1840, and should properly be recorded as the second, behind Old Jefferson, in the much wider area.

Scott's relationship with the families along the route was one to marvel by today's standards: paying postage due, buying stamps, deliver parts, medicine, etc. with money from his own pocket. It is said that he lost only a few pennies, if that, over the many years. The old adage of "The mail must go through" was the spirit and dedication that Scott lived by.

Grady Jackson, was the appointed substitute carrier during this period, but was never used. The other members of the Scott family, Howard and Robert (Jack) served as substitute carriers. Jack retired January 1981, having served longer than any other substitute carrier for the Rockvale Post Office.

some records indicate Sam Kelton was post master around 1900. He also served as an appointed Post Master at Overall. It is believed that Kelton served in a temporary status at Rockvale while serving as regular Postmaster at Overall.

Midland Post Office: William D. Holden, 1886; James M. Williams, 1891

Discontinued (Combined with Foster-ville, 1907)

Link Post Office: William H. H. Gentry, April 15, 1870;
Bascom Holden, August 4, 1896; Charles H.
Williams, June 6, 1899; John W. Westbrooks, October 1, 1900
Discontinued - December 31, 1905

Swanvale Post Office: Benjamin F. Williams, April 14, 1891
Discontinued, January 6, 1892 (combined with Versailles). Swanvale P.O.
was located in a grocery store across
from Carl & Ester Barnes present home.

Everglades: Located at Jackson Ridge, in a grocery store and served as a collection point. Uses primary in the same manner as large mail boxes are today.

THE DAVID HEATH FAMILY By Etta Heath Smith

David Crockett Heath was born in the Tenth District of Rutherford County near Versailles, Tennessee. The Heath ancestral home was built of logs and stood to the northeast of and in view of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

At age 16, David Heath enlisted in the 24th TN Inf. organized at Versailles. Casualty lists of the Regiment show action at Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge. During the Battle of Murfreesboro, David Heath was seriously wounded by a cannon ball. He lay on the battlefield for three days. After his recovery, he was given an honorable discharge and drew a pension from the State Government.

David Heath married Martha Jane Patterson and lived in the house of his boyhood. Issue, five children:

- 1. Becky Heath
- 2. Tom Heath married Molly Brannon and lived near the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Tom became the community barber.
- 3. Lilly Heath married Alex Bumpas. Their 5 children became widely scattered and have families of their own.
 - Ransom Heath married Ola Allison and moved to California.
 - 5. Francis Heath married Pearlie Williams and continued to live in the Tenth District near Versailles.

Issue, 3 children:

- Leonard Heath died in infancy A.
- Ira Heath died in infancy. B.
- Etta Heath married Robert (Bob) Smith of Bedford C. County. Issue:

- (1) Robert Kenneth Smith, lost his life in the Air Force during World War II, 29 Jan. 1945.
- (2) Margaret Ann Smith, a Nashville school teacher.
- (3) Muriel Smith married Bill Branson and lives in Jackson, TN with three children.

As David Heath advanced in years, he moved to the toll-gate house near Puckett Store. At age 63 he died at this place and is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church the same manner as large mail boxes are today.

HENDRIX/HENDRICKS By Elaine C. Martin

Thomas Hendrix (Ca. 1762-Ca. 1819) was born in North Carolina and lived in Newberry County, South Carolina. He was the son of William Hendrix (d. 1797) and Margaret Evans, daguther of John Evans of Newberry County, South Carolina.

Thomas Hendrix married (1790) Mrs. Mary (Franklin) McCord, born Ca 1766 in Virginia. Mary had a son, John McCord, by her first marriage. Thomas and Mary had five children, all born in South Carolina. They later moved to Tennessee. Thomas left a will in Williamson County, in 1819. Issue:

- I. Nancy Hendrix (b. Ca. 1790) married John D. Hill. 1. Elisha Hendrix Hill. No further knowledge.
- Ruth "Ruthie" Hendrix (b. 1789) married 10 Aug. 1813 to Thomas Jackson (b. 15 Dec. 1789), son of Francis and Elizabeth (Childress) Jackson. They moved to Christian County, Kentucky, but part of their family remained in the Versailles area. Slave beating and death caused the move. Issue:
- 1. Francis H. Jackson married Myra Wentworth.
 - Mary Frances Jackson married No. 1 Hawkins Simmons, No. 2 - Abner C. Potts.
- 3. Elizabeth Jane Jackson married William M. Ray. See Covington.

 4. Nancy Jackson married Jim Arnold.
- 5. Jennetta Jackson married David B. Hendrix, son of Adam and Polly (Jackson) Hendrix. They moved to Christian County, Kentucky.

- 6. Newton Jackson married Mary Hendrix.
- 7. Raleigh Jackson married Zadie Putman.
- 8. Evergreen Jackson married Josiah Winsett.
 9. Thomas Houston Jackson, never married.
- III. Adam Hendrix (1795-Ca. 1837) married 25 April 1815, Mary "Polly" F. Jackson (15 Mar. 1798-23 Oct. 1874), daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Childress) Jackson. Although Adam and Polly were married in Williamson County, Tennessee, they were living in Overton County, Tennessee in 1819. Thomas bequeathed 100 acres of land, on the waters of Roaring River, to Adam - the land that Adam was living on. They returned to Williamson County before 1830, and they owned land on the Big Harpeth River. Adam was killed by a team of oxen, in the Versailles area. Issue:
- 1. Thomas Lowe Hendrix (5 Dec. 1817-28 Feb. 1902) married 20 Sept. 1838, Elizabeth Prince (12 Mar. 1818-30 June 1895). Thomas Lowe was a cabinet marker, and he owned a saw mill at Jackson Ridge, Tennessee. Issue:
- (1) Jerusha Ann Hendrix (23 Sept. June 1840)
- (2) Adam R. Hendrix (18 Oct. 1841-killed in the battle of Vicksburg) married Louvinia
 - (3) William F. Hendrix (25 June 1843-killed in the battle of Murfreesboro).
- (4) David F. Hendrix (1 Jan. 1845-26 Dec. 1925) married No. 1-Nancy Jane Vaughan. No. 2-Salulah "Lula" Vaughan. Issue by No. 1 wife:
 - Tommy Hendrix married a.
- b. Mollie Hendrix married Adam Taylor, son of Joseph and Nancy (Hendrix) (value saut vs) xlabase Taylor.

Issue by No. 2 wife:

- c. Richard "Dick" Hendrix married
- Tidie Maupin
 d. Sam Hendrix married No. 1 -Rutledge, No. 2 -Travis.
- e. Frank Hendrix married Rachel Hale, stepdaughter of Emery Covington and daughter of Fanny Taylor Hale (Covington) and No. 1 husband, Machach "Mace" Hale. Issue:
- (a) Annie Lou Hendrix married Robert Dalton
- (b) Houston Hendrix married Rose Vaughan

(c) Raymond Hendrix married Jessellie Lynch

(d) Horace Hendrix married No. 1 -Carrie Clark, No. 2 - Virginia Bellenfant.

- (e) Robert Hendrix married No. 1 -Rosalie Dalton, No. 2 - Elsie Vaughan
- (5) Mary A. Hendrix (13 May 1846-?) married Miles Vaughan
- (6) Elisha W. Hendrix (5 Aug. 1847-?) married Nan Webb
- (7) Martha Ann Hendrix (9 Dec. 1849-?) married Miles Vaughan
- (8) Thomas Mead Hendrix (10 Sept. 1850-?) married Kate Tribble. Mead was a Presbyterian minister. HIs granddaughter, Katherine, was the wife of Governor Buford Ellington.
- (9) Ruth Elizabeth Hendrix (1 July 1852-?) married Richard Vaughan. They were the parents of Viola Vaughan. See Covington.
 (10) Hester Ann Elizabeth Hendrix (13 Dec.
 - 1853-7 July 1854).
- (11) Lucretia V. Hendrix (24 May 1855-?) married Bill Heath
- (12) Ann Liza Hendrix (1 Jan. 1857-?) married Clem Jordon
- (13) Tennessee M. Hendrix (12 June 1858-?) married Murphy
- (14) Julia Jane Hendrix (17 April 1860-22 June 1924) married Jim Harris
 - (15) Willie Francis (7 April 1864-?) married Oakley.
- 2. Elizabeth Hendrix (b. Ca. 1819) married Joe McCracken, moved to Christian Co., KY.
 - Francis Jackson Hendrix (27 June 1821-?) 3. married Caroline S. (24 Jan. 1824-?) moved to Springfield, TN.
 - Nathan Hendrix (b. Ca. 1833-died from illness 4. in Civil War) married 5 Nov. 1850, Julia Ann Jones, moved to Arkansas.
- 5. David B. Hendrix (27 Feb. 1827-23 Sept. 1898) married 6 Aug. 1849, Jennetta Jackson, daughter of Thomas and Ruthie (Hendrix)

 Jackson. They moved to Christian Co., KY.

 6. James K. Hendrix (b. Ca. 1829) never married.
- 7. Nancy A. Hendrix (5 Feb. 1830-15 July 1880) married 7 Nov. 1850, Joseph M. Taylor (27 April 1813-10 Nov. 1898). They lived on

Highway 99 northeast of Puckett's Issue:

- (1) Adam Taylor married No. 1 - Mollie Hendrix, No. 2 - Emma Turner. Issue by No. 1 wife:
 - Harrison Taylor married Mamie Morgan
 - Cora Taylor married William Henry Lynch

Issue by No. 2 wife:

- Sally Taylor married Lee Holton. See Covington.
- 2 .(1881 .vom (2) Frank Taylor married Willie Haynes. Issue:
 - Ada Taylor married Bob Wright
 - Frank Taylor married Josephine Ralston.
 - Melissa "Lissa" Taylor married Joe (3) Daniels. Issue:
 - a. Cumi Daniels married .
 - J.T. Daniels married Emma Eady.
 - Sally Daniels married Guord.
 - (4) Dr. John Stafford Taylor married Lula Lynch. Issue:
 - Louise Taylor married Ira Bush
 - Willie Bilbro married Rucker Haynes b.
 - C. Paul Taylor married Ethel Stem
 - d. J.W. Taylor married Maggie Marable
- (5) Nan Taylor, never married(6) Thomas Lee Taylor married Betty IreneTaylor
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- c. Alva C. Taylor married Myrtle Little. Issue: 998) .ponel
- (a) Thomas Alva "Buddy" Taylor married Sylvia Clark. See Covington.
 - Mary T. Taylor married Don Fulghum. d.
- at betrud 8at Melissa Ann Hendrix (b. Ca. 1833) married 5 Oct. 1858, T. H. P. Covington (15 Aug. 1819-Ca. 1893). See Covington.
- Ruth F. C. Hendrix (Ca. 1835-1913) married 22 nimus sino 9. June 1858, William Franklin Covington. See Covington.
- io. Shelbyvill Mary A. "Babe" Hendrix (Ca. 1837-1923) never married.
 - IV. Thomas Hendricks (b. 1798-Ca. 1854) married 20

Nov. 1843, Mary N. May (28 Nov. 1824-24 Dec. 1899). Issue:

- 1. Mary Susanna Hendricks married Edward Elam Taylor
- Hester Augusta A. "Gus" Hendricks married Joseph Franklin Brooks.
- Seith Nannie Hendricks (10 Mar. 1852-11 April 1893) married William "Billy" Ralston (11 Sept. 1847-3 Aug. 1926). Issue: Seith Nannie and her children died.
- 4. Dubrick "Dub" Hendricks (24 Jan. 1854-3 Nov. 1910) married 5 Jan. 1872, David Jackson Ralston (29 Dec. 1851-9 Nov. 1891). See History of Eagleville; also see Burns Family and Cothran Family.
- V. Isaac Hendricks (24 May 1800-29 April 1875) married Margaret Willard.

The members of the Hendrix/Hendricks family are medium in stature. They have dark hair and usually dark brown eyes. Sally Daniels married Guord.

THE WILLIAM GREEN HIGHT - NAOMI PATTERSON FAMILY From notes obtained from Mrs. Ann Hight Gore and also those handed down by Nannie Hight Nance

William Green Hight, among the first to own land in Versailles, born 1816 in Bedford County, TN, died 1881 in Franklin County, Arkansas, married Naomi Patterson, age 15 in 1836, in Bedford County. Naomi was born in Missouri and died in Madison County, Arkansas about 1877. These two are the parents of Nannie Hight Nance and the grandparents of her seven children by two husbands, B. F. (Frank) and John W. Nance. (See the B. F. Nance and the John W. Nance family histories). William Green Hight and Naomi Patterson were the parents of thirteen children:

- 1. Sara Jane Hight married C. L. Hendricks and moved to Collin County, Texas.
- 2. Tabitha Hight died before 1889 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Jackson Ridge Cemetery.
- 3. Nancy Hight was the wife of the two Nances listed above.
- 4. Dr. John Patterson Hight married Mary Caldonia Cummings
- in Wesley, Arkansas, died in 1924. 5. William Garrett Hight (1845-1928), born in Shelbyville, married three times: No. 1 - Lucy J. Taylor, 1865, bore six children: Eula R., Naomi E., Mary N., William G.,

Jr., Alice and Nola Patterson Hight. Wife No. 2 - Betty Cheshire. Wife No. 3 - Elizabeth Reeves, whose only child was Ann Hight Gore, now a retired teacher living in Shelbyville. William Garrett Hight had an envious Confederate war record, owned numerous tracts of land and operated several businesses in Bedford County. He was postmaster at Rover and is credited with preventing a second hanging on the square in Shelbyville by cutting the rope.

6. Mary Caroline Hight (1849-1901), buried in Rogers,

Arkansas.

7. Jefferson Taylor emigrated to Fayetteville, Arkansas.

8. Lemuel Hight emigrated to Fayetteville, Arkansas.

- 9. Joseph Birl Hight (1853-1893) lived in McKinney, Texas, married Mary Jane Crockett, daughter of David Crockett and Nancy Wood Jackson.
- 10. Robert Hight migrated to McKinney, TX.
- 11. Etta Hight migrated to McKinney, TX.

12. Fannie Hight migrated to McKinney, TX.

13. Lilly Hight migrated to McKinney, TX. She married Hardy Pope and had six children.

William Green Hight's parents were John Hight and Nancy Harrison, both born in Granville County, North Carolina and died in Bedford County, TN in 1852. The Hights are French.

JACK HOLT Information from Bess Williams

Jack Holt (30 Sept. 1854-20 Nov. 1934), son of Jacob Holt and Elizabeth Bryant, native of Estill Springs, became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and served the churches of Rockvale, Vernon, Jackson Ridge and Rocky Glade for most of his adult life.

He married Susie Ann Manier (25 Aug. 1853-2 Mar. 1924), the daughter of David Lemuel Manier. Childless, the couple took into their home a nephew, John D. Smotherman, brother to Gleaves Smotherman and Ethel Smotherman Garrett, and raised him as if he were a son. Those who remember, tell that John D. was so small at birth that Rev. Holt could place him in a coffee pot and close the lid. He did grow to be average height and size.

Rev. Holt was sought after for weddings and funerals in a wide area as well as minister for services held annually at some of the cemeteries.

The Holt home was a short distance off Highway 99 on North Lane.

Both Rev. Holt and his wife, Susie, are buried in the cemetery on the Tom Holden place.

"OLD TOY"

Byggy horse owned by Jim Nance



John D. Smotherman, Lemmie Dick Smotherman, Jack Holt

THE HOPKINS FAMILY By Gladys Wheeler Farris

William D. Hopkins, born 1803, came to Williamson Co., TN on horseback from Raleigh, N.C. with his cousin, Rev. John McCullen, a Presbyterian minister. He married Cynthia Copeland (1802-1834), daughter of James and Mary Frost Copeland of Newberry District, South Carolina. William D. Hopkins died on 13 August 1834. Cynthia died within three months of her husband, leaving three small sons to be cared for by family members:

James Copeland Hopkins, born 8 Aug. 1826, married 3 Dec. 1846, Nancy Davis Adcock, born 27 Sept. 1820, the daughter of William Adcock, a Revolutionary soldier. Janes and Nancy lived near Versailles where James made saddles, had a transfer business, and operated a cotton gin from about 1840 to 1860. After that time they moved to Winchester, TN. During the Civil War, James served in the Confederate Army as part of the escort troops for General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Issue, four children:

- Mary Anna Elizabeth Hopkins (12 Oct. 1847-26 Aug. 1935) married 18 April 1866, John Wesley Farris. (See Farris history). Sallie Hopkins
- b.
- Callie Hopkins C.
 - John Morgan Hopkins, born 12 Nov. 1861, became quite a prominent educator. He received the A.B. degree from Winchester Normal School and attended Vanderbilt University where he did post-graduate work. In 1900 he received the A.B. degree from Yale University. He later founded the Lake Placid School for Boys in Lake Placid, N.Y.
- Samuel Meredith Hopkins married Mary Jane Faris, daughter of Richard and Margaret Johnson Faris. She was raised by her uncle, Rev. C. B. (Kit) Faris at Versailles, TN. They made their home in the Versailles Community.

Issue:

- James S. Hopkins a.
- Charles B. Hopkins b.
- John C. Hopkins C.
- Samuel R. Hopkins d.
- Sidney J. Hopkins e.
- f. Mary Lena Hopkins
- Herbert F. Hopkins
- William D. Hopkins.
- Ref: Newberry Co., S.C. records; Williamson, Rutherford and Franklin Co., records; The National Cyclopedia of American Biography; Family Bible records.

ROCKVALE MASONIC LODGE NO. 413 Compiled from Grand Lodge records and known facts.

The Rockvale Masonic Lodge No. 413 was issued a charter 16 Nov. 1870. The presentation was made by members of the Grand Lodge to W. C. Cook, W.M., at a special meeting held at Whiteheads Mill.

Records reveal that all charter members were present, as were several visitors from other lodges.

Charter members were:

W.C.	Cook - W.M.	J.A.	Holden	E.T.	Grey	J.W.	Parsley
J.A.	Dykes	J.J.	Parsley	John	Lytle	R.W.	Farris
R.W.	Fain	A.J.	Whitehead	W.A.	Mulkey		
T.W.	Garrett	W.J.	Carlton	W.N.	Parsley		

New members accepted into the Masonic Order at the first meeting were: W.J. Brown, T.W. Brown and John W. Nance.

Whiteheads Mill served as a meeting place until 1871, at which time it was moved to the store building at Versailles. The Lodge was moved from Versailles to Rockvale in 1887. A building located west of the present building was used until the permanent building could be completed. The building was destroyed by fire in 1934 and was rebuilt immediately at the present location.

The Rockvale Lodge was considered one of the finest in the State. At the request of the Grand Lodge, members have served as inspectors, and Degree Team members for other Lodges on numerous occasions.

Still active, regular meetings are held in the Lodge-owned building at Rockvale.

THE JACKSON FAMILY

Francis Jackson, the First Information furnished by Carmine Jackson

The surname of the Jackson Family is of ancient English origin. It is derived from the baptismal name, John, by virtue of its nickname, Jack. It means "Jack's son." Early records of the name may be traced to Charlemagne. Among the first immigrants who came to America from England were Edmund Jackson, who was living in Boston, Mass. in 1635 and John Jackson, who came from London to Salem, Mass., the same year. From these, the various branches of this family sprang and spread throughout America. The bearers of this surname have been noted for their energy, courage, and leadership, having nobly distinguished themselves in the founding and growth of this great nation from the Revolutionary War to the present time.

In the State of Virginia, the County of Amelia, the Parish of Nottoway, Will Book 2X, Page 128, 26 Nov. 1759, Thomas Jackson willed 500 acres of land be equally divided among his three sons, Thomas, John and Williams. No other children are mentioned. His homeplace of 100 acres, bounded on the north by Birchin Creek, went to his wife, Amey Jackson. Two brothers of Thomas Jackson, Sr., Charles and William, were to be his executors. This will was recorded on 6 Oct. 1765.

In Will Book 2 (dated 1785-1795) page 158 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, appears the will of Thomas Jackson, who died in 1792. His wife was Mary Franklin (1745-1790). The terms of this will are very explicit, though not copied here. To this union ten children were born: Elizabeth, James, Agnes, Mary, Thomas, William, Sally, Francis, Milly and Tabitha. Of the ten children listed above, Francis was the one who came to Versailles, Tennessee. During his declining years, after his wife had died and their eleven children had all left home, he wrote an account of his life which was found among his papers after his death in 1845. An exact copy of this autobiography follows:

"I am now old and have reason to believe my days to be nearly numbered, therefore, for the purpose of informing my children or anyone else who feels an interest in my life, I here give a brief sketch of it, in the following manner, that is to say: I, Francis Jackson, son of Thomas and Mary Jackson, was born the 12th day of January in the year of

our Lord, 1766. On the 5th day of February, 1789, I was married to Elizabeth Woosman Childress who was born on the 7th day of April, 1766. Her first son was born on the 15th day of Dec. 1789 and named Thomas. Her second son was born on the 4th day of Feb. 1791 and named Robert. Her third son was born on 22nd Dec. 1792 and named Richard. Her fourth son was born 25th of Dec. 1794 and named James. Her 5th son born 21st Sept. 1796 and named John Childress. Her first daughter was born 15th March 1798 and named Polly. Her second daughter was born 7th Sept. 1799 and named Nancy. Her sixth son was born 11th Jan. 1801 and named Nathan. Her seventh son was born May 1, 1802 and named Williams. Her eighth son was born 31st Jan. 1804 and was named Francis. Her ninth son was born 2nd April 1808 and was named David. These children were all born in the State of Virginia except the last two, who was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina.

"Myself and wife were both born in the State of Virginia on Sailor's Creek near the line that divides the Counties of Amelia and Prince Edward. After we were married, we then left the neighborhood and lived sometime in the County of Amelia and sometime in the County of Cumberland and sometime in the County of Buckingham, Virginia from which last named County, I moved in the spring of the year 1803 and did arrive at the place of our destination on the ninth day of April, this being on Town Creek, Rockingham County, North Carolina at which said place we resided until the thirteenth day of March in year 1811. On that day I started with part of my family to the State of Tennessee. About the middle of the month of April, I hove [sic] on the waters of Harpeth in the County of Williamson, rented a plantation known by the name of the Sink Holes, abode there until about the 12th of July. I then took the wagon and same horses that brought me out and started back to Rockingham for the balance of my family whom I brought to the Sink Holes in time to gather our crop of corn. I then moved from that place to one of my own in the same neighborhood and stayed there until the ninth day of August, 1831. On this date my wife died.

"Previous to her death, all our children were married, but one, and were gone from us. The

unmarried one was gone farther off than any of the others. I was then left alone except for my servants. This was an unpleasant situation, which induced me to look out for another wife. On the fifteenth day of March (at night) I was married to an old maid of Bedford County by the name of Mary Allison. She, in a very short time, became discontented and on the eleventh day of November, 1832, she went off and said she would live with me no more; nevertheless, she did come on the seventeenth of the same month for her things which consisted of cattle and household furniture. She then lived until the spring of the year 1835 and she then died.

"I then looked out and got another, a widow woman by the name of Sally Revel to whom I was married on the night of the 16th day of June, in the year 1835."

(This concludes the autobiography of Francis
Jackson I.)

When Mary Allison came to make her home in The High House, she brought considerable property, consisting of livestock, household furniture and slaves. Fighting began between the slaves of Mary Allison and those of Francis Jackson. Under such circumstances, the decision of Mary Allison to return to her own Bedford County home may have been wise, although sad. The marriage of Francis Jackson to Sally Revel proved to be successful, lasting ten years. After the death of Francis Jackson I, 10 Feb. 1845, Page 241 of Record Book 13 in the Rutherford County Court House shows that he made ample provision for his widow.

As was the custom at that point in time, every southern plantation provided burial space for the family and for the servants, preferably on a high hill, for the purpose of drainage. After the death of Elizabeth Woosman Childress Jackson, Francis Jackson wrote in his Family Bible:

". . .Elizabeth W. Jackson departed this life on the ninth day of August 1831 and her remains were interred in a grave dug for that purpose about six and a half rods due west of the dwelling house of him, the said Francis Jackson."

When Francis Jackson died, 10 Feb. 1845, he was buried beside his wife.

This dwelling house of Francis Jackson I was a two-story log house built on the exact site on which the modern brick home of Willie Floyd Williams stands today (1982). This is less than one mile south of Versailles on the left side of the road as one travels south toward Longview. This two-story house built on a high elevation near the road became known as "The High House", a name still remembered. It could have been used as a fort in case of an Indian attack. The family cemetery is nearby.

The plantation which Francis Jackson rented when he came to Tennessee in April 1811, is thought to have been in the vicinity of Link on what is known as the Haskins or Thomp Smotherman Place. It was called the "Sink Holes". In this area is a creek called "Sinking Creek", which flows above ground for a distance, goes underground, and farther on comes to the surface again.

The plantation of his own, on which he built The High House, is in this general area. The land of Francis Jackson was located within the bounds of what is now Link, Rockvale, Jackson Ridge, Little Rock, North Lane, Puckett Store, Bunker Hill and Kingdom, with the exception of a few small tracts near the boundary. This acreage was probably in excess of 5,000 acres, but, be it remembered, that this was a point in time when land was cheap, plentiful, and early settlers were few.

While Francis Jackson and his wife were in their prime, there was much gracious living in The High House. There were many servants to help in every way; abundant food was produced on the plantation; and eleven lively children to brighten the home. Elizabeth Childress Jackson was a cousin of Sarah Childress, who married James K. Polk. President and Mrs. Polk were sometimes guests in The High House as they travelled by horse-drawn carriage from the Polk home in Columbia to the Childress home in Murfreesboro, using the old Columbia Dirt Road which came through Versailles.

When Francis Jackson came to Tennessee in 1811, he brought three of his sons: Thomas, the oldest, age 22; Robert, age 20; and Richard, age 19. On 10 Aug. 1813, Thomas married Ruthie Hendricks (see Hendricks family for their 9 children). They made their home on a part of the Jackson land near Jackson Ridge. In 1833 Thomas sold 3 acres of land on which to build a "meeting house". This became the Jackson Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church with a cemetery adjoining the churchyard. both are well kept and are in use at present (1982). In 1848 Thomas and Ruthie moved to Christian Co., KY (where they are buried) rather than face

in court charges for beating a slave to death. He was also convicted for making false accusations when he accused a neighbor of stealing hogs. He claimed intoxication.

Robert married 25 June 1818, Nancy Wyatt and made his home in Maury Co., TN, where his descendants live today. One of these descendants is Mrs. Edward Jones, 108 Fourth Ave., Columbia, TN. Robert died 3 May 1877 - Nancy died 15 Mar. 1873. Both are buried in Jackson's Bend Cemetery in Maury Co. (See the Thomas Jackson family).

Richard was of a restless and adventurous spirit. He joined the United States Army and fought in the Battle of New Orleans. On his way home, after the war, he worked for a number of years in Mississippi. He reached home and The High House 3 years before the death of his father and married Elizabeth Clark. (See the John Clark family).

James settled at Huntsville, Alabama.

John C. moved to Franklin Co., Alabama but later returned to live in Rutherford and Bedford Counties, TN, married 1818, Elizabeth Elam.

Polly married Adam Hendrix and lived near Jackson Ridge. In Williamson Co., TN Deed Book 0, p. 381, is stated that on 17 Sept. 1838 Francis Jackson made a gift of land, "...for love and affection which he hath and beareth toward his daughter, the said Polly Jackson Hendricks."

Nancy married Matthew Elam and moved to Illinois where her descendants live today. She came to Tennessee at the death of her father and received her inheritance in money upon signing a quitclaim deed, 22 Sept. 1845, filed in Rutherford Co. Courthouse.

Nathan remained in Rutherford Co. on what is known as the Charles McLain and N.R. (Boat) Jackson Farms near Concord and Jackson Ridge. (See Nathan Jackson family).

Williams Jackson also received a gift of land from his father (Williamson Co. Deed Book N, p. 439). This land covered the heart of Versailles. Later, Williams Jackson and William G. Hight exchanged land. This exchange located the land of Williams Jackson along the Bedford-Rutherford Co. line, mostly north of the Kingdom Church and Road.

Francis Jackson, namesake of his father, received a gift of land. This deed is recorded in the same book as

was that of Williams Jackson (Deed Book N, Pages 438-439, Williamson Co.) The deed was registered 5 Sept. 1836.

This indenture made this twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine between Francis Jackson, Senior of Williamson County and State of Tennessee of the one part and Francis Jackson, Junior, his son, of the other part witness that the said Francis Jackson, Senior for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he hath unto the said Francis, his son, hath given and doth by these presents give, grant, and convey unto him the said Francis Jackson, Junior, one certain tract or parcel of land..."

This land is on the Versailles Road, one mile north of Versailles and one mile south of Rockvale, Rutherford Co., TN. Through the many long years since 1829, this land has passed from father to son and remains the ancestral home of five Francis Jacksons in direct descent.

David, the youngest son, made his home in Mississippi. Francis Jackson had purchased 80 acres of land from Edward Eggleston in Lauderdale Co., Mississippi. It is believed that he made this purchase while his son, Richard, was in Mississippi and later gave it to his son, David.

Francis Jackson, the Second Information from family records.

Francis Jackson II married Elizabeth Hale, daughter of Mary and Meade Hale, who lived in the Flat Creek Community of Bedford County, Tennessee, Soon after their marriage (1826) they began planning their home on the land given Francis by his father. The building site selected was on the old Columbia Road, which is the Versailles Road today. The dwelling was to stand later equidistant between Versailles and Rockvale.

The first unit of the house was three rooms built of very large red cedar logs; these rooms became the nucleus around which the rest of the house was later built. As time passed, a definite plan for the front was decided on. This plan was for a tall, white, frame, two-story structure with four twenty-foot square rooms at the front, one room on each side of a broad center hall both upstairs and down. A long staircase was to lead from the first floor center hall into the center hall on the second floor. This upper hall, with

the room on the right, was for the boys; a separate short staircase, was to lead from the lower room to the right of the main entrance into the room above which was for the girls. There would be no connecting door between these upper rooms. The lower room to the left of the entrance was to be the parlor; the lower room to the right was to be the family room. Back of this lower front unit was a broad open breeze-way, called the "dog-trot", designed to keep food odors from the front rooms; there was also a long, broad back porch in L shape. Attached to this "dog-trot" and long porch were the three original log rooms, used as one bedroom, the dining room, and the kitchen.

Four massive columns were placed at the front entrance. These columns were built in Murfreesboro and hauled home on wagons. Each column was built of red cedar planks without seam and long enough to reach from ground level to the roof above an upstairs balcony. The columns were hollow. During the War, this hollow space was filled with wheat to prevent the armies from confiscating it. A decorative design was sawed and chiseled out by hand and placed at the top of each column and under the front eaves. Hand-made window blinds, painted green and still in use today, were hung with hinges so they could be closed during storms.

The roof was made of hand-drawn red cedar shingles and lasted until 1914. A few of the original shingles have been preserved.

The heat was furnished by wood-burning, open fireplaces in four rooms and open coal-burning grates in the parlor and the room above the parlor. The hallways were without means of heat. The light was by tallow candles, and later, by kerosene lamps. There was no indoor plumbing until the Middle Tennessee Elctrict Membership Co-Op brought electricity in 1944; bathing was by pouring water into a wash bowl.

At this point in time, the forests were filled with the best grade of virgin timber. Building the residence of the plantation owner made small inroad on the vast supply of lumber. The huge trees were cut down by strong men using axes and cross-cut saws. The logs were sawed at saw mills, but the planks had to be planed by hand. A skillful local carpenter by the name of Hendricks was chosen as foreman of the crew of carpenters. The massive timbers were expertly notched so they could not slip in any direction. Wooden pegs were also used to hold timbers in place. Blacksmiths made various sizes of square iron nails. Sturdy oak was a

favorite wood for the framework; the floors in the rooms downstairs were of white ash; upstairs blue poplar was used and for the porches red cedar. Work was never done in a hurry; perfection and long endurance were the main objectives.

This was only one of four ante-bellum homes in the Versailles area, built similar to this same pattern. In Deed Book 11, Page 344 in the Williamson County Courthouse on 8 June 1836 Richard Jackson sold town lot number 6 in Versailles to Richard Ransom for ten dollars. An ante-bellum home stands today on the old Ransom homestead, which must be lot number 6. Jim Adcock bought this Ransom Farm in 1905; Luke Adcock lives there today.

Very near this Ransom-Adcock home in the heart of Versailles on the left of the crossroad stood another imposing residence built in 1859 by Richard Nance. Sad to say, it has burned, but John Nance, a descendant, has built his modern home near the original site.

Two miles south of Versailles where the Link Road intersects the Longview Pike is the former site of a very beautiful ante-bellum home built by Richard Nance about 1833-1834. This also has burned. The site is owned by Grady Covington who has built a modern brick home.

With the building of the residence of the owner of the plantation, building had only just begun. In the yard and close by there were many log buildings, each for a definite purpose: a smokehouse; the loom house; poultry houses; storage houses for fruit, vegetables, and blocks of ice for summer use; a wash house for laundry; carriage houses; a cobbler shop where shoes were made; and rooms for the cook and other household servants. Scattered about over the plantation were many houses for the slaves who tilled the soil; a home for the overseer; blacksmith shops; barns for great herds of livestock; a cotton gin and a commisary.

Francis II and Elizabeth Jackson became the parents of thirteen children:

- 1. Jasper Jackson, born 1828, married Judith Ann Primm. After her death in 1882, he moved to Scottsboro, Alabama.
- Meade Jackson, born 1830, married Sarah Nance. After her death in 1871, he moved to Memphis where he practiced medicine.
- 3. Newton Jackson (1832-1896) married Mary Hendricks. They made their home on a part of the Jackson land, joining the home of Francis Jackson II toward the south on

Versailles Road. Their nine children became widely scattered at an early age, with none of them becoming permanent residents.

Issue:

- Wash Jackson a.
- Roxanna Jackson married Henry J. Ivie, a Methodist b. minister from Nashville, where they made their home. One of their five children, Mary Ann Ivie, was a frequent visitor in the Versailles community where she met and married John J. Garrett, a young medical doctor. For a detailed account of their family, see the chapter on Dr. Garrett.
- diedax 113c. Thomas Jackson
- .b as best Sidney Jackson
 - Andrew Jackson married Mollie Carlton, daughter of William J. Carlton, and sister to Lizzie Carlton who married Andrew's brother Jasper. They moved to Murfreesboro.
 - Jasper Jackson married Lizzie Carlton, daughter of William J. Carlton, and sister to Mollie Carlton who married Jasper's brother Andrew. They moved to Nashville.
 - Dora Jackson g.
 - Meade Jackson h.
 - i. Kitty Jackson
 - Emlyann V. Jackson (1833-1841)
- V. 1 . . Oceana Jackson, born 1834, died in infancy.
 - Mary L. E. Jackson (1836-1853)
 - Francis Marion Jackson was born 28 March 1838, twin of Annia. (See Francis Jackson III).
 - Annia Stager Jackson, born 28 March 1838, twin of Francis, married Tom Johnson of Bedford County. Their only child was Tennie Johnson, who married John Dudley Tarpley of Longview.
 - Ridley Jackson, born 1840, lost a leg in combat during the Battle of Jonesboro. He reached home, married Sophia Brooks, moved to Nashville and became a photographer.
 - Lucretia Jackson (1842-1889) married Dr. Sharber on 7 10. Mar. 1860. After his death, she married her cousin, James Jackson. Their two daughters remained unmarried and are now deceased.
 - Josephine Jackson (1846-1899) married William J. S. Farris. They moved to Oklahoma. Their descendants settled there and in California.
 - James Jackson, the youngest son, born 1848, remained a bachelor and was employed as a traveling salesman for a drug wholesale firm in Mississippi.
 - Kitty Virginia Jackson, the youngest child, (1852-1928) married Robert R. Alexander of Walter Hill, Tennessee, later moving to Nashville.

With so many children to educate, Francis and Elizabeth engaged a tutor and a governess to live on the plantation to instruct their children in literary pursuits and in music. This proved to be highly successful until the horrors of war interferred.

It would be impossible to express in words the horror of this unfortunate conflict. With three sons actively engaged in combat, unrest among the slaves, and war-time shortages in all supplies, Francis and Elizabeth tried to cling to their beautiful faith and carry on as best they could. Elizabeth followed a regular morning ritual. When first arising, she would stand on her open south threshold, gaze at the majestic Versailles Knob and quote: "This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24). "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." (Psalm 121:1). This threshold is considered a sacred spot by the descendants of Francis and Elizabeth.

Like many noble southern families, Francis and Elizabeth were kind to everyone who came to their door. During the conflict, an unconscious soldier, wearing a blue uniform, was brought to them. Without hesitation, he was given a bed in the boys' sleeping quarters. He slowly regained consciousness and, catching sight of the tall white columns, he was over-joyed, thinking he was back home in Washington City. It is not known whether he recovered, but there are three graves without names where, at that time, the grape arbor stood. Can one grave be his?

Francis Jackson II lived to reach age 74. He died on March 1, 1878. Elizabeth outlived her husband by ten years. She died on 4 Jan. 1888 at age 79. Both lie buried at The High House.

Francis Jackson, the Third Information furnished by Carmine Jackson

Like the sons of many other southern planters, Francis Jackson III, son of Francis Jackson II and Elizabeth Hale Jackson, spent a happy boyhood on the family plantation. He was born on 28 March 1838. He watched the building of the ancestral home and the building of many other structures that dotted the plantation.

During the late 1850's, however, the dark clouds of war came closer and closer. On June 20, 1861, John C. Jackson, a first cousin of Francis Jackson III, organized Company "A" 24th Regiment, Infantry, Tennessee Volunteers

under the two big oak trees in Versailles.

John C. Jackson was made Captain of this Volunteer Company and his cousin, Francis Jackson III, became Lieutenant. The Company was mustered into the Confederate Army, 24 Aug. 1861 at Camp Trousdale. Wounded 7 April 1862. several times at the Battle of Shiloh, Captain John C. Jackson resigned as Commander of the Company, 17 May 1862, returned home to later join a cavalry unit of General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort. (See John C. Jackson) Lieutenant Francis Jackson III succeeded him as Captain. The 24th Regiment took part in the Battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chicamauga and Missionary Ridge. Francis Jackson III commanded the 24th Regiment during most of the remainder of the civil conflict. It is reported that he was also wounded at some point in the line of duty, but was not required to leave the Company. Wounded soldiers were often required to submit to surgery without anesthetic as the supply was very often exhausted. Francis Jackson III's son, Grover C. Jackson, served with the U.S. Army in France during World War I. All his family have kept ties with Versailles for their entire life.

After the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse, 9 April 1865, mere words cannot express the desolation felt throughout the South and in the hearts of the brave southern heroes who had given their all to the struggle. As they were mustered out of service, they were required to stack their guns, to break the swords of all commanding officers as a pledge that never again would they be raised in combat, and to give an oath of allegiance to the Union against which they had been fighting. They were now free to return home to a land that had been ravaged by war.

Francis Jackson III did the best he could to resume the peaceful pursuits of citizenship at his boyhood home. He became devoted to farming, raising livestock and community affairs such as improvement to the Longview Pike and schools. His family's interests remained first during his entire lifetime.

Francis Jackson III was twice married. On 20 Feb. 1872, he was married to Sue Adelaide Covington of Versailles. There were no children. After her death, he married Rachael Anna George of Lincoln County, Tennessee, 29 Dec. 1886. Five children were born to this union. Francis Jackson IV (called Frank Hale, see following chapter), Jane Ashby Jackson, Grover Cleveland Jackson, Richard Fowler Jackson, and Annie Carmine Jackson. All these families are in the next chapter.

During the sixty-second year of his life, Francis Jackson III was stricken ill for five months, during which time he faced the inevitable with complete composure. He gave full directions concerning his family, his business and his burial. Death came on 25 April 1901. He lies buried across the Versailles Road in front of his boyhood home.

Francis (Frank Hale) Jackson, the Fourth Information from family records.

After the death of Francis Jackson III, his widow found herself with the ancestral homestead to manage and five small children to rear. However, during 1892, the mother of Anna Jackson, Jane Ashby George of Lincoln County, had also been left a widow and had come to make her permanent home with her daughter. Jane George was noted for her business ability and proved to be a great help. Both Jane George and Anna George Jackson possessed deep religious faith and were careful to train the five small children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. When Jane George was taken by death 16 April 1904, the loss was heavy to bear. However, leaning on the promises often repeated in God's Holy Word that He would be a Husband to the widow and a Father to the fatherless, Anna Jackson went bravely on. Her neighbors were kind and helpful, especially Bob Whitus and Bob Jackson. Francis Jackson III had been active in many organized community groups and assistance flowed both ways.

Before the death of Francis Jackson III, he and his wife were considering a plan to move to a location where better educational opportunities would be available to their children. Francis IV, the oldest child, was placed in the excellent public school of Eagleville. A year later, he was enrolled in Webb School at Bell Buckle. Anna Jackson decided that all three of her fatherless sons should be placed under the strong influence and strict discipline of Old Sawney Webb, founder and headmaster of the still famous Webb School. Relying on the advice and help of a cousin, S. W. Fleming of Lincoln County, Anna Jackson rented out the farm, bought a house and lot in Bell Buckle, and lived there until her four older children were through school.

During summer vacations, her younger sons, Grover and Fowler, were employed on a near-by farm, owned by Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Agriculture. This proved to be a God-send to these two boys. They loved farming and this enabled them to learn the best methods known at that time. As soon as they were through school, they wanted to return to their own farm.

- Frank Hale Jackson (Francis Jackson IV) did not like farming; he became a traveling salesman, married Guy Mewby of Fosterville, and moved to Glasgow, KY. Their one child was Francis Jackson V, written in this volume. On May 1939, Frank Hale died at Vanderbilt Hospital, following surgery for brain tumor. He lies buried at the Family Cemetery on Versailles Road.
- 2. Jane Ashby Jackson (24 April 1889-22 Sept. 1949), married 5 Feb. 1917, John Edward Maxwell. Their five children:
 - a. Grover Edward Maxwell (21 June 1918-14 June 1981). He held a PhD degree in chemistry and a post-doctoral degree in the Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota. He married Mary Lou Bridges. Their two children are Russell and Steve.
 - b. John Marion Maxwell born 12 Nov. 1919, agricultural engineer for J. I. Case, married Jacqueline Kittrell. Their only child, Judith Marie Maxwell.
 - c. Jane Esther Maxwell, born 3 Mar. 1923, M.A. degree, University of Illinois, married William Tucker. Their two children, Billie and Jacqueline Claire Tucker.
- d. Sara Maxwell, twin sister to Mary, (6 Jan. 1927-11 May 1982), B.S. degree in home economics, married Billie Ray Drummond. Two children Janie and Donya Drummond.
- e. Mary Maxwell, twin to Sara, born 6 Jan. 1927, chief dietition, Sunland Center for Foods, Marianna, Florida. Married twice, first Gene Byrd, one child, Gary Byrd. Second, James H. Kline, one child, Lane Wilson Kline.
- Grover Cleveland Jackson (29 Mar. 1891-26 Sept. 1961) married Velera Todd. Their four children:
 - a. Margaret Jackson (4 Mar. 1924-16 Feb. 1958), Librarian at Truett-McConnell Junior College, Chatsworth, GA.
- b. Martha Anna Jackson, born 25 April 1926, employed as chemist by Tenn. Eastman Co. in Kingsport, TN where she met and married John Sanks. Their two children are Nancy Sanks, B. S. degree in Sociology. Barbara Sanks, M.A. degree in Public Administration, married William McNeille, 12 Mar. 1982.
- c. Infant son born and died 25 Mar. 1928.
 - d. Thomas Fowler Jackson, Sr., born 10 Feb. 1930, graduated Eagleville High School (1948) married Jane Sudberry, 9 Nov. 1950. Thomas is a businessman, farmer, Grade A dairyman, farm machinery dealer. Their only child is Thomas Fowler Jackson, Jr., born 14 Aug. 1951, Assistant District

Attorney in Memphis, married Rhonda Franks, 25 Nov. 1981, now resides in Franklin, TN.

Richard Fowler Jackson (1 Aug. 1892-28 Sept. 1961) devoted his life to extensive farming, raising livestock and assuming the duties as head of the family.
 Annie Carmine Jackson (3 Aug. 1897-11 Oct. 1982)

5. Annie Carmine Jackson (3 Aug. 1897-11 Oct. 1982) remained unmarried and spent her life in the teaching profession and in the care of the home and family.

FRANCIS JACKSON, THE FIFTH Information from family records.

Although Francis Jackson V was not born at Versailles, he is included here to finish out 216 years (1766-1982) during which time five generations of Francis Jacksons have succeeded each other in direct father-to-son descent. They have succeeded each other not only in name, but in the inheritance of land, and in moral principles. This seems to be the culmination of 216 years of honest, frugal living, hard work, and "lain living with high thinking."

Francis Jackson V was born at Fosterville, Bedford County, Tennessee on 15 Jully 1911. He is the son of Francis Jackson IV and Guy Newby Jackson. When Francis was two years old, the family moved to Glasgow, Kentucky. After graduating from high school, Francis went to Stockton, California where he graduated from the College of the Pacific in 1935. While attending college, Francis was active in music, drama, sports. He played football for the famous coach, Alonzo Stagg. He directed an orchestra for Paramount Pictures, playing their theaters in the West.

During 1938, Francis met Ruth Montgomery, a graduate of San Jose State University, who had a major in Speech Therapy. Ruth's devotion to education prompted Francis to seek a teaching credential, which he gained from Stanford University. His teaching experience has been all-inclusive from grade school in rural up-state California to teaching graduate school in more than one university.

Francis Jackson V and Ruth Montgomery were married 18 June 1939. In 1940 Francis was appointed to the staff of the School of Education in STanford University, which qualified him to purchase a home on the University campus. This was their home 1940-1970. They became the parents of one daughter, Andra Hale Jackson Fuller.

Ruth Montgomery Jackson has devoted her entire teaching career (1935-1973) to helping children who have speech and hearing problems. She has served as teacher and visiting professor in many universities and teacher-training workshops. Her fertile pen has contributed much to professional publications. She taught the first speech improvement program ever broadcast over television. Ruth Montgomery Jackson, with members of the State Board of Education and some of the personnel of the Palo Alto School District convinced the State of California to appropriate funds for three large centers for the education of children who have speech and hearing difficulty. This factility is in Palo Alto, Calif. and is named "The Ruth Montgomery Jackson Hearing Center." An especial dedication ceremony was held in 1972 just before Ruth's retirement.

Francis Jackson and Ruth Montgomery Jackson now make their home in Atherton, California.

Williams Jackson By Dick Poplin

Williams Jackson was the ninth child and seventh son of Francis Jackson I and Elizabeth Woosman Childress Jackson. He was born on May 1, 1802 in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He married Drucilla Lytle, daughter of James Lytle and Elizabeth Rushing Lytle on 15 Jan. 1824. They became the parents of ten children:

- Rebecca Lytle Jackson, b. 22 Oct. 1824, married 29 Dec. 1846, Clemmon T. Reed. (See Read family).
- Mary Emily Jackson, b. 4 May 1827, married John Primm. John Childress Jackson, b. 6 Feb. 1829, married Mary 3. Jane Covington.
 - 4. Jemima M. Jackson, b. 9 Feb. 1831, died young.
- James R. Jackson, b. 19 Feb. 1833, died young. 5.
- 6. Indiana Jackson, b. 18 May 1835, married John Tarpley. Indiana and their child died at childbirth.
- 7. Julia Ann Jackson, b. 30 Nov. 1837, married John W. Nance (See John W. Nance Family).
- Drucilla Emily "Dovie" Jackson, b. 16 Jan. 8. married Joseph Kimmins.
 - Amna Melissa Susan Jackson, b. 3 Apr. 1842, married William Richard Poplin.
- 10. Casia Jackson, b. 19 Dec. 1848, died as a child.

Williams Jackson lived on land adjoining that of his father to the north and west of Versailles. In 1858-59 Williams Jackson traded his Versailles land, consisting of 487 acres to William G. Hight for acreage in the Tenth District of Bedford County. It was bounded by Franklin Road, Spring Branch, and the southwest corner of C.T. Reed. It was dated 11 Sept. 1858. The Versailles property was valued at \$9,379.00 but it seems to have been an even trade with no money changing hands. When Williams died, he was still in possession of the 487 acres in Bedford County with the exception of 148 acres given to his daughter, Dovie, who married Joe Kimmins. When his estate was settled, the land given to Dovie was considered as an advance. His son, Captain John C. Jackson, was administrator of the estate which was not completely settled until 5 March 1884.

After the death of Drucilla Lytle Jackson, 14 Sept. 1871, Williams Jackson married Elizabeth Pope, who lived until 1903. Williams Jackson died 9 June 1879. Both he and Drucilla Lytle Jackson are buried in the Jackson-Poplin Cemetery on the Kimmins (now Delk) farm in the Tenth District of Bedford County on land that was owned by Williams Jackson. The Williams Jackson house still stands in Bedford County although it has undergone much remodeling. It is occupied by Charles Murphy.

Nathan Robert Jackson
Information from family records, Goodspeed's
History, and Maira Jackson Garrett

Nathan Jackson, 6th son of Francis I and Elizabeth Woosman Childress Jackson, was born in Virginia, 11 Jan. 1801. Family records reveal that he lived with his family adjacent to Town Creek in Rockingham Co., N.C., from 1803 to 1811. During the autumn of 1811, he came with his family to the plantation near Versailles, TN. On 29 Nov. 1827, Nathan Jackson and Indiana Windrow were married. They made their home on that part of the Jackson land which lay between Jackson Ridge and Little Rock on what is known today (1981) as the Charles McLain Place. They became the parents of ten children: James; Thomas C.; John W. (ancestor of Ralph, Joe, Horace, Willie, "Cap", Jerry, Audrey, Elizabeth (Bes), and Five are deceased. See also History May Jackson. of Eagleville.); W.R.; Marion; Elizabeth; Nathan (called "Boat"); Francis; J.T. (these listed in the 1850 census); plus Annie and Willie.

Nathan Robert Jackson (Nathan II or "Boat"), being the only one of the ten detailed in this publication, was born 27 Dec. 1845. He belonged to Captain Miller's Co. of Cavalry having enlisted late because of his age. He was captured at Columbia, TN, remained a prisoner there for a short time, then took the oath of allegiance at the close of the War, and returned home, probably on foot. (See Goodspeed's History, p. 1041).

On 29 Jan. 1872 Nathan Robert Jackson married Emma Lee Dawson of Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee, she being less than 16 years of age. (See the Concord School written in this volume.) They built their home on the south or front part of their farm near the Murfreesboro-Eagleville Turnpike, relatively new at that time. The original house, standing today, but remodeled, was owned and occupied by Nathan Robert III (now deceased) and his widow, Sarah Gardner Jackson (also deceased). The Turnpike is State Hwy. 99. Nathan Robert Jackson II and Emma Lee Dawson Jackson became the parents of nine children:

- Freeland Jackson, a rural mail carrier, married Ella Carlton, had four children: Emma Lee, William, Clay, and Sarah.
- Clara Jackson, married William Thomas "Bill" Lowe of Eagleville, three children - Robert Lowe, Helen Lowe, Clarence Lowe.
- Cora Jackson, one of twins, first married Elam Carlton. Following his early death, Cora married Marvin Haley, one child - Josephine Haley.
- 4. Flora Jackson, one of twins, married George D. Lowe of Eagleville, seven children - Cora Lynn Lowe, George Martin Lowe, Margaret Lowe, Nathan Lowe, Sophia Lowe, Lillian Lowe, and Mary Ellen Lowe.
- 5. Ruth Jackson, married Charles William McLain, three children Frances McLain, Charles Hoyt McLain, Thomas Jackson McLain.
- 6. Howard Jackson, died early.
- 7. Grady Jackson, married Ida Holt, five children Henry Grady Jackson, Wayne Jackson, Ann and Faye Jackson (twins), Emalyn Jackson.
- 8. Nathan Robert Jackson III married Sarah Gardner, two chldren Nathan Robert Jackson IV and Margaret Jackson.
- 9. Maira Jackson, married James Don Garrett, Sr. of Bedford County, a brother of the two Doctors Garrett, John and Robert, written in this volume. Maira and James Don Garrett had one child, James Don Garrett, Jr. (deceased).

After the death of Emma Dawson Jackson, 11 Dec. 1905, Nathan Robert Jackson II married Mamie Gray, daughter of Dr. E. T. Gray of the Versailles Community.

Captain John Childress Jackson By Dick Poplin

John Childress Jackson was the oldest son of Williams Jackson and Drucilla Lytle Jackson. He was born 6 Feb. 1829 at Versailles where he spent the first thirty years of his life. He married Mary Jane Covington, daughter

of M. L. and Elizabeth Snell Ransom Covington. They became the parents of nine children:

- 1. Williams Lafayette Jackson (11Feb. 1858-1879)
- 2. John C. Jackson, Jr. (1860-1927)
- 3. Sidney Jackson (1866-1919) married Stella Sperry
- 4. Sue Adelaide "Addie" Jackson (1869-1948) married John Bumpas.
- 5. James Robert Jackson (23 Nov. 1871-8 Mar. 1948, married Vera Lamb.
 - Francis Marion "Frank" Jackson (12 Dec. 1873-27 Feb. 1950) married Talitha Lamb.
- 7. Priscilla Elizabeth Jackson (5 Jan. 1876-1959) married Ed Jackson (not related).
 - 8. Julia Emily Jackson (23 Jan. 1878-1948), never married.
 - 9. Mary Beatrice Jackson (7 Jan. 1881-died an infant).

About 1859, John C. Jackson was operating a store in Versailles and purchasing land known as the "Coffee Lot Place" located in the Tenth District of Bedford County near Rover and the Cothran Cemetery.

When the War Between the States began, John C. Jackson organized a company of men at Versailles known as Company A, 24th Infantry, which was mustered into Confederate service at Camp Trousdale, Tennessee on August 24, 1861, with Jackson as Captain and his cousin, Francis Marion Jackson, First Lieutenant. John C. Jackson resigned to return home to organize a cavalry company to join General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort. First Lieutenant, Francis Marion Jackson, then became captain of the company. John C. Jackson was wounded in battle several times and admitted to hospitals in Columbus and Meridian, Mississippi. In the Tennessee Campaign in 1864, he was severely wounded in the jaw, an injury that plagued him until his death. Family tradition has it that he was shot by a Yankee sympathizer while passing along Union Street in Shelbyville under a flag of truce. He was not expected to live and was sent home to die, but, in a few weeks, he was back with his Company.

On 4 May 1865 General Forrest's Escort Company, commanded by Captain John C. Jackson, who had been cited for "Gallantry and Ability", surrendered to Major General Canby, U.S.A., at Citronelle, Alabama and was paroled at Gaines-ville, Alabama, 9 May 1865.

Captain John C. Jackson went back to the "Coffee Lot Place" in Bedford County and engaged in farming after the War. Mary Jane Covington Jackson died on 28 Dec. 1884. Sometime later Captain John C. Jackson moved back to

Versailles and lived with his son, Bob, until his death 10 Apr. 1898 at the age of 69. Both he and his wife are buried in the Ransom Cemetery at Versailles.

John C. Jackson, Junior By Dick Poplin

John C. Jackson, Jr. called Johnny or Dr. J. C. Jackson, a veterinarian, was born at Versailles, 1860, the second son of Captain John C. Jackson and Mary Jane Covington Jackson. He married Mary Sue Lamb, a daughter of Squire Kelly Lamb and Tennessee Lawrence Lamb, who lived near Mt. Pleasant Church. Mary Sue Lamb was a sister to Talitha Lamb who married John C. Jackson's brother, Frank. Another brother, Bob Jackson of Versailles, married Vera Lamb, daughter of Ben Lamb who was a half brother to Mary Sue and Talitha. This made these three families very closely related.

Johnny Jackson and Mary Sue Lamb Jackson became the parents of two daughters, Carrie Louise (1901-1966) and Jennie Ruth who married Wayne Carlton. Their two children were Billy Carlton, who was killed in World War II and Dorothy Carlton Dupine, who recently moved from Idaho to Fayetteville, TN.

In addition to being a veterinarian, Johnny Jackson was a trainer of harness racing horses. In 1905 he moved from Versailles to Shelbyville to become superintendant of the Bedford County Fairgrounds and to practice veterinary medicine from the old Blue Front Drug Store on the south side of the square. On 19 January 1927 he died at his home, age 66 years.

James Robert "Bob" Jackson By Dick Poplin and Catherine Jackson

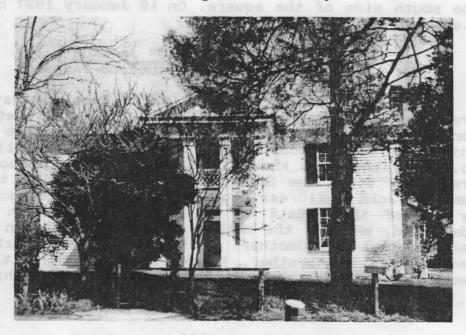
In 1792 the State of North Carolina gave a land gran of 2,000 acres to William Hill, a private in the Continental Army. By 1870 Richard Ransom owned two tracts of this land, both tracts located in and near Versailles. Tract No. 1 is the farm known today as the Grady Adcock Place; Tract No. 2 is the Graham Gordon Place. These two places came to John Childress Jackson from Richard Ransom in 1905 by way of the estate of Elizabeth Snell Ransom Covington (deceased) who was the mother of the wife of John Childress Jackson and grandmother of Bob and Frank Jackson. Bob Jackson and his brother, Frank, received the title to the two Ransom places, although Frank never lived on his.

In 1900 Bob Jackson and two of his sisters, Lizzie, who married Ed Jackson (no relation) and Julia, who did not marry, were living in the first house on the left after leaving Versailles going toward Mt. Pleasant. This house had been built by Richard Ransom as also was the house on the Graham Gordon farm. The bob Jackson house burned in the mid-1920's and was replaced with the house standing on that same site today.

Bob Jackson, born 23 Nov. 1871, was the fifth of nine children of John Childress Jackson and Mary Jane Covington Jackson. In 1902 Bob Jackson married Vera Catherine Lamb, daughter of Benjamin Hardie Lamb and Mary Taylor Lamb. Their three children were:

- Willie Jackson, a daughter, married Pinkerton Lyon and moved to Texas. both are now deceased and lie buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro.
- Catherine Jackson, married Dunlap Miller (deceased) and lives in Murfreesboro.
- 3. Robert Hoyte Jackson (deceased), a real estate broker in Murfreesboro, twice married: 1st Margaret Pitts, two children, Benning and Robert Jackson. 2nd Ruth Brown, two children Nancy Jane and James Hoyte Jackson.

Bob Jackson was a farmer, surveyor, watch repairman, and a member of the Rutherford County Quarterly Court for a number of years. Late in life he sold his farm to Grady Adcock and moved to Murfreesboro where he died 8 March 1948. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



The ante-bellum home of Francis Jackson III and preserved in excellent condition by his daughter, Carmine Jackson.



Captain Francis M. Jackson III, Company A, Twenty-Fourth Regiment, Tennessee Infantry Confederate States Army

in the fields. In case the school was in session at the time

THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF THE TENTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Information furnished by committee members, interviews of knowledgeable residents, and written by Carmine Jackson and Fred Nance

The first school at Versailles, of which there is present knowledge, stood on the southeast corner of the Nance property about one-half mile south of the crossroads in Versailles on the north side of the road, now known as the Longview Pike, where the Nance farm joins the Bill Williams-Willie Floyd Williams land. That part of the Nance land is still referred to as the School House lot.

This school building followed the type of that day: a one-room log structure with puncheon floor and puncheon seats, no desks provided. Puncheon was a log split lengthwise down the middle with the flat side uppermost for the floor and the seats. On occasion hogs would congregate under the floor, and tear the floor up because the thickness of the logs prevented nailing down. The windows were openings without glass, closed by means of wooden shutters hinged on the outside. Heat was from an open wood-burning fireplace, if heated at all. No artificial light was provided with daylight the only source.

There was no form of school transportation and no school lunch program; the children walked to school, sometimes for two miles or more, carrying lunch from home. The school day usually began at eight o'clock in the morning and lasted until four o'clock in the afternoon with one hour off at noon recess. For the most part these early schools were in session only three or four months during the year at a time when the older boys were not needed at home to work in the fields. In case the school was in session at the time cotton was ready to be picked by hand, school would be suspended in order that the children could help with the harvest.

Writing paper was scarce and expensive. Instead of tablets made of paper, thin pieces of gray slate, each one set in a wooden frame to prevent breaking, were used. A small round slate pencil was used; these marks could be rubbed out with a piece of cloth, or the hand, and the same slate used over and over.

Great stress was put on teaching the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic, and also on instilling a strict code of morals in the pupils. Teaching beginners to read was slow and laborious. A large chart was used on which

were pictures of interest to small children and the letters of the alphabet; instead of teaching the child words by sight, he was taught to spell them. As the child became able to read, only the famous McGuffey Readers were used. At the end of each selection, a list of words was given for study of spelling and meaning; also a moral was printed emphasizing the lesson taught in that particular story. Writing was taught by means of copies set by the teacher for each pupil to trace then imitate. Arithmetic was thought to be the most basic need for future life with much time devoted to mental arithmetic, especially addition, subtraction, and the multiplication tables.

The daily session was opened by the whole school singing religious and folk songs, reading from the Bible, prayer, and a talk on manners and moral behavior by the teacher.

Discipline was very strict. There seemed to be an unwritten law that if a child received a whipping at school for misconduct, another whipping was waiting for him when he returned home. If a child could not be controlled at school, after the teacher consulted with the parents, he was expelled.

One morning Kitty Virginia Jackson (born 1852) came to school wearing a dress which the teacher, who, at that time, was Kitty Virginia's older brother, Francis Jackson, the Third, thought was too short for modesty. He had Kitty Virginia seclude herself, pull out the stitches which held the hem in place, smooth the hem down, and spend the rest of the day embarrassed but modest.

Another local man known to have taught the Versailles School was Otho Nance (born 1866). about 1885-1886 this school was consumed by fire. On the morning after the fire, the children who had attended Versailles School, walked to Concord School.

The Concord School

Concord School stood on a building site near the present Concord Methodist Church. This land had been given by Charles Blackman (Kit) Farris, a Methodist Circuit Rider and Dr. J. O. Sharber, for the purpose of building a Church and school. A very large, two-story log structure was erected with the first floor to be used for a school and the upper floor for a Church. Later a large lean-to was added on the east side of the building to be used for the small children. Schools were not graded; the small children were

known as primary; the larger and more advanced pupils were known as secondary. The course of study and method of procedure at all the early schools in the Tenth District followed the same plan as that of the Versailles School with variations with different teachers.

It is a confirmed fact that in 1871 Professor Finney was teaching the Concord School. Professor Finney had married Abbey Dawson of Lebanon, Tennessee. They made their home near Concord in the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Neeley Manning and her son, Charles. Emma Dawson, the fifteen-year old sister of Mrs. Finney, came to stay with Professor and Mrs. Finney and attended Concord School. Emma Dawson's beauty and winsome ways captured the heart of Nathan Robert Jackson and they were married 29 Jan. 1873. (These facts came from Maira Jackson Garrett, daughter of Emma Dawson and Nathan Robert Jackson.)

Other teachers who are known to have taught Concord School: Clara Jackson, Flora Jackson, John Frank Kimmins, Susie Steagall, Lillie Kerr, Mr. Harrell, Ellen Brown, Fannie Giles, Mary Marlin, Belle Marlin, and Dora Rooker.

Subscription Schools

At this point in time, the public schools of the Tenth District left much to be desired, especially with only a four month session during the year. Parents who wanted better educational opportunities for their children would sometimes organize a subscription school. A competent teacher would be engaged, without county or state aid, a monthly tuition fee for each child would be agreed on, and the subscription school was in session. Richard Garrett attended such a school at Concord and Maira Jackson Garrett attended one at Rockvale.

Woodlawn Academy (Garrett School)

Soon after Thomas Washington Garrett returned home from serving in the Confederate Army, he gave a site and trees from his farm for the purpose of building a school. This school was located near the Garrett home, about two miles south of Versailles on the west side of the road, which is now known as the Longview Pike. The men of the community cut and hauled the trees to the Versailles Sawmill and were used by the carpenters in building a large one-room structure. A painted sign placed above the door proudly proclaimed this to be Woodlawn Academy. The remains of this

building may be seen today (1982) though no longer standing proudly and known only as Garrett School.

By word of mouth from two pupils who attended Woodlawn Academy (Holt and Herbert Garrett, grandsons of Thomas Washington Garrett) we have definite information.

Among the first teachers in this school were Elizabeth Garrett Dyer, Alice Garrett Poplin, and John Lee Poplin, two daughters and a son-in-law of Thomas W. Garrett. Others known to have taught there are: Sallie Sutton, Monroe Crick, Susie Steagall, Lena Crick, Tommy Irvin, Eula Maxwell, Willie Newby, Lillard Martin, Eula Lamb, Olive Martin, Bess Maxwell.

Many of these teachers found room and board in the Garrett home near by. The monthly charge was ten dollars, which paid for breakfast, a box lunch at school, hot supper, a comfortable room and bed, and a wood fire when needed.

Although Woodlawn Academy and many other small schools were crude and poorly equipped, the quality of instruction and the earnest desire of teachers and pupils did much to compensate for this deficiency. Holt Garrett remembers that he studied Lippincott's Physiology for three years, Books I, II, III. He also studied the Dictionary by pronouncing, spelling, and learning the meaning of words suited to the age of the child; and, of course, he studied reading, arithmetic, and penmanship. The more advanced pupils studied algebra, geometry, rhetoric and physics.

By this time, iron heating stoves and manufactured seats and desks were standard equipment in school rooms. Each seat and desk was built to accommodate two pupils. In the upper right hand corner of each desk was a round hole into which a glass ink well, with a hinged metal cover, could be placed. Into this well liquid ink could be poured. Fountain pens and ball point pens had not been invented, but instead of the old quill pen, a wooden pen staff was used, into the end of which a steel pen point could be inserted. A groove across the back of the desk held pens and pencils in place.

Much time and practice was devoted to teaching penmanship. The Spencerian method of writing became popular. Instead of writing with only hand and finger movement, the large muscle on the underside of the forearm was placed flat on the desk and, with much practice, the hand and arm could be trained to move in unison on this muscle to form the letters. A model alphabet, made with white letters on a

black background or a model copy at the top of various pages in individual copy books were kept before the pupils that they could have perfect models to imitate.

The Taylor School

For the convenience of children who lived in the Mt. Pleasant-Puckett Store area and must walk to school, N.R. Taylor, son of Vincent Taylor, gave a site for a school near the Mt. Pleasant Church. This building was erected on the right side of the road as one leaves the Church going west toward Puckett Store. The ground on which this building stood later became part of the farm of John and Kittie Taylor Powers.

The first teacher in Taylor School was Monroe Crick. Others who taught there were Fannie Giles, Mary Etta Pinkerton, Sammie Read, Eula Lamb, Horace Reid, and Perry Williamson, who later became a prominent teacher in Woodbury and Murfreesboro.

Two pupils known to have attended Taylor School are Ben Cothran (1888) and Arthur Powers (1897).

The First Rockvale School

When Frank Carlton built and opened the first store in the new village of Rockvale (1884-1886), he gave a site on the east side of his home place for a Church, which became the Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He also gave a site directly across the road for a school.

At that time, three reputable men of the community had been chosen to be in full charge of the local school. Frank Christopher, Frank Carlton, and Frank Jackson (known as the three Franks) had been chosen as the body of School Directors.

An old photograph shows this school building to have been of sawed planks, painted white, two stories high, with two porches, and louvered window blinds at the glass windows. There were four or five rooms with as many teachers. A very large room, which served as an auditorium, study hall, class room, and office for the principal had a stage built across one end and equipped with a curtain that could be raised and lowered. There was great community pride and cooperation in this new school. The students, parents and teachers spoke of it as Rockvale High School.

Mr. John Woodfin, Sr. of Murfreesboro, who later became an undertaker, served as a principal.

A Little Nonsense Now and Then Is Relished by the Best of Men.

Programme for Concert,

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Rockvale High School,

December 23 1896.

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Curtain up at 6:30.	
1—Opening Song	Loodon ent
2—Recitations	Lela Carlton Janie Jackson, Bascomb Hendrix.
8—Railway Matinee	Dialogue,
4—Recitations	Evie Joe Christopher, Josie Rowland, Annie May Hendrix
5-Song	"Tardy Scholar."
6—Changed Housewife	
7—Recitations	
8—B ng's Family	Dialogue.
9—Contest for Prize	Six Young Men.
11—Recitations	Beulah Carlton, Beasle Stem. Nannie Lee Uhristopher,
12—Song	"The Fatal Wedding"
13-"Debatin' B'city"	
14—Recitations	Samuel Rowland, Sallie Stem, Susie Steagall
15-Bones at a Soiree	
16—Recitations	Ernest Fleming, Minnie Rowland, Kate Rowland
17-Boarding School Accomplishments	Dialogue,
18-Song, Parady on "Just Tell Them That	You Saw Me" George Waller.
19—Recitations	Ruth Jenkins, Allie Whitehead, Fannie Belle Hendrix,
20—"De Troiley Car"	
21-Way to Windham	Dialogue
22-Sermon, Charles W. Arnold.	ore Carlton Covingto
23-Delivery of Gold Medals.	ion gurns, ut., will
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25-Wooten Talking Through His Hat	Surms, Mary Morgan Ca
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Robert L. Hayes, Prin.

Dr. Sidney B. Smith, A University of the South graduate, son of James Madison Smith, who lived two miles northeast of Rockvale, on a farm opposite the entrace to the Thompson Road, also taught there.

During 1896, Robert L. Hayes was principal, assisted by Susie Steagall, Lula Whitehead, Sallie Sutton, and Repsie Turner (Music teacher). An exact copy of a program presented at this school on the evening of 23 Dec. 1896 is shown here.

The school was making excellent progress, when, one day at noon, fire consumed the entire structure. The building was a total loss.

The three Franks were no longer physically able to direct the affairs of the school. A small two-room, unpainted building was erected but gone were the former pride and enthusiasm. Those who taught in the two-room structure were: Mary McNeil. Tommie Reynolds, Frances Batey, Kate Love, Arzo Batts, Carl Reagan, Lockie Webb, Cora Bain, Lula Whitehead, Fannie Robertson.

The Jackson Ridge School

The Jackson Ridge School was located about two miles northwest of Versailles on the now Jackson Ridge Road (The Franklin Dirt Road) adjacent to the G.W. Burns-Ivey Phillips Burns farm and southeast of their log home. The school building stood near the road; a frame building which measured approximately 30 X 48 feet, with large windows. The flag on the Versailles Knob could be seen flying from this school location until after the Windrow tornado in 1913.

The first teachers were Clara Jackson, Julia Lee Burns, John Wilson, Jr., Lula Whitehead, John Lee Poplin, Dr. Stephen Duggin, Ada Clark Ramsey, Lillie Mae Carlton Morgan, Gertrude Burns Holton, Minnie Morgan Westbrooks, Ella Harris, Mattie Ghee.

Some of the pupils who attended this school are: Cora Carlton Covington, Nora Carlton Boyce, George Washington Burns, Jr., Will D. Smotherman, Julia Burns Brannon, Sue Reeves Ghee, Louie Burns Clark, Young B. Clark, Horace Burns, Mary Morgan Campbell.

From interviews with some of these former pupils, many of the teachers were said to be well-qualified and

completely dedicated to their profession and to the children under their care. They were able to inspire their pupils to high schievement - "To hitch your wagon to a star." High ideals, good manners, and strict morals were constantly stressed. Good literature, including the Bible and the Classics, was placed in the hands of the students. Many poems, Bible verses, and literary gems were committed to memory. The habit of reading good books was emphasized. Among the older pupils, spelling matches were a regular feature.

To further impress high principles upon the minds of the children, large printed mottoes were placed on the schoolroom walls. Some of these were: "There is a right way, there are many wrong ways" - "Do right" - "A good man dies when a boy goes wrong" - "Think" - "Think the truth, speak the truth, act the truth".

After the Rockvale Consolidated School was built, the Jackson Ridge School building was bought by Johnny Burns, moved to a location 300 yards west of the Jackson Ridge Store, and converted into a residence. About 1925 it was consumed by fire.

The Rockvale School (Black)

Before the days of integration, the Rockvale School for colored children stood a short distance back of the present Original Church of God on the right side of Versailles Road about 100 yards south of Rockvale Store. Numbers of majestic cedars surrounded the school and church buildings and lined both sides of the Versailles Road. The school building was a one-room log structure, following the general pattern of that time. The windows were made of glass with wooden shutters hinged on the outside. The seats and desks were bought standard equipment. The heat came from an iron heater in which wood and coal were burned. The children walked to school, often as much as three miles, with no school transportation furnished. Lunch was brought from home. Especial emphasis was placed on reading, spelling, and writing from copies placed on the blackboard. Children were carefully taught good manners and morals. This was a one-teacher school. At different times Susie Mintor, Josie Kimbro, Bertha Franklin and Betty Hendrix were the teachers. This information was furnished by a former pupil, Ethel Seay Batts, who attended this school about 1910-1920.

Rockvale High School

Tennessee was slow in fulfilling the educational needs of its children. J. H. Warf, State Commissioner of Education, points out in his book "Tennessee Education 1780-1962", that the General Assembly had enacted and re-enacted more than once between 1829-1870, the common school law and it became a part of the State Constitution. The law levied taxes for the support of the common school at the local level. However, this law was lax and poorly administered. By 1885, the average minimum and maximum salaries were eighteen to sixty dollars per month for a four month, often split, annual term, according to pages 836-877 of Goodspeeds Histories. By comparison with the great depression years some salaries were still only \$45-50 per month for an eight month, often split, annual term (32 weeks). Even then some teachers were forced to discount pay warrants because the county had no funds available.

In 1907-1909, the Public School Law provided revenue for all levels of public education, elementary through college, and authorized bonds for building a normal school in each of the three grand divisions of the state. These schools, intended to train teachers, were located in Johnson City, Murfreesboro and Memphis. On the wave of this new high enthusiasm, neglected county (rural) communities across the state began organizing and planning for this gigantic step forward. This resulted in meetings being held in rural areas across the state.

The meeting in the Tenth District resulted in capable leadership, organization and direction emerging through J. P. Leathers and others to locate and construct a consolidated school building. The site decided upon was half way between the Villages of Concord and Rockvale. Five acres of land was acquired from the east side of the farm of Joe Manning for \$235.00 total. Later an additional acre was purchased from the same person for \$100.00.

A white frame one-story building was erected, consisting of five class rooms, three long porches, a large room with a stage across one end to be used as an auditorium, the principal's office, classroom, and study hall. Later an L-shaped row of stables were built to house horses for those riding to school in buggies and wagons.

During the spring of 1909, most of the one-teacher achools in the area closed for the last time. After standing unused for two years, the buildings and sites were returned

to the former owners and donors.

The new Rockvale Consolidated High School began its first term, 10 Sept. 1910 to 5 May 1911. The curriculum included eight grammar grades and two years of High School. Professor F. M. Bowling was Principal assisted by Margaret and Ida Holt, both from Haley, Tennessee, Irene Hudson from Verona, Kentucky , Lula Whitehead, Rockvale, and Jim Webb, Janitor.

It would be hard to over-emphasize the pride felt in the community in this new shoool. The members of the faculty were well-qualified and devoted to their profession. They were required to live in the community and to take an active part in many phases of community life. Their work has been likened to that of a missionary and the fruit of their labor is still felt.

The first class to graduate was composed of Eula Lamb and Lillard Martin. Members of the second class were Maira Jackson, Magnus Puckett, Olive Martin, and Pearl Adcock. The third class: Joel Rowland, Blanche Lamb, Nannie Carlton, Lois Ralston, Jimmie Manier, Era Steel and Oden Williams. Professor Bowling was Principal for three years, succeed by Flint Spears.

About 1911, Lem Lamb converted a two-horse wagon into a covered wagon with seats, and drove a school route, at his own expense, from Puckett Store to Versailles across to the Rockvale Consolidated School. For a fee of \$2.00 per month, a child could ride to and from school. This may have been the first school bus in Tennessee. At times the larger children would push the wagon to assist the team up muddy hills.

In 1927 the Rockvale School was made into a full four-year high school. The present building replaced the first frame building in the summer of that year. The four year high school produced 45 graduating classes during its tenure from 1927-1972. The size of the classes were quite small compared to present consolidated schools, Riverdale and Oakland, in the Murfreesboro area, along with Eagleville High School, which has so far survived, and Smyrna, and with expanded school bus service began serving the entire county. At this time the Rockvale School was returned to elementary status. Desegregation pressures played a part in the decision to build larger units.

Rockvale High School Principals were: F.M. Bowling, Flint Spear, Elmer Downum, E.D. Coffman, Neal Elrod,

John Zumbro, Raymond McElroy, R.C. Landis, J.E. McCrary, T.S. Givan, W.S. Donnell, W.M. Woods, A.C. Barrett, James Campbell, Henry Nance, Earl Barns, John S. Smith, Clifton Nichols, Howell Bush, W.R. Romine, Harry Puckett, Leland (Blue) Windrow, John Hicks, John Greer, Cline Hanna, and William Eris Read.

There were three Ellen Ransom College scholarship recipients, one each for 1930, 1931, 1932.

The Rockvale teacher with the longest tenure is Vera Covington, who was a member of the elementary school faculty from 1938 to 1975. Eris Read was principal for 20 years ending when the high school was discontinued.

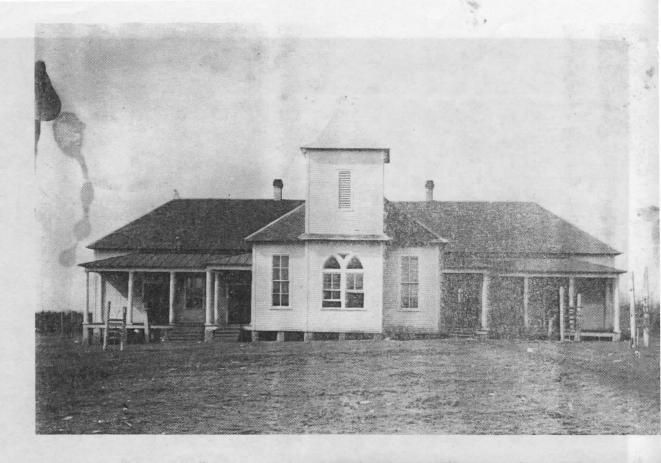
A majority of the members of the 45 graduating classes went immediately to the labor market and pursued further education on the job or through skilled trade training, or in business for themselves. But these appear no less successful to their chosen work than those who obtained advanced degrees did in theirs. Many notable alumni exist including those who received college undergraduate degrees, Masters and Doctors degrees. The school athletic teams, both boys and girls, won more than their share of inter-school contests for a small high school of usually less than 100 enrollment, on a county, district, regional and state levels.

The necessity to limit volumes prevents the listing of all graduates of the High School, so the ;use of the Alpha and Omega method substitutes. The first four-year Rockvale High School graduates (1928) were: Floyd Frazier, Zelma Jackson, Fred Nance, Louise Prater, William Steagall, Alf Taylor, Pearl Woodson, Robert Scott, Allen Miller, and Ada West. The last four-year Rockvale High School graduates (1972) were: Audry Michelle Alcorn, Crystal M'Lissa Burns, Andrew Bernard Chaney, Leonard Crawford, Jr., Betty J. Davis, Fred Wilson Frazier, Orlando E. Jordan, Robert J. Jordan, Brenda J. King, William S. Lamb, Lucy Moseley, Bruce Pinkerton, Audry Romans, Homer H. Sharber, Doris Smith, Thomas F. Underwood, Kathy C. Williams, Betty K. Wilson, Andrew B. Wilson.

There are many notable alumni: The Honorable Whitney Stegall, former Legislator and currently Chancellor for this District; Fannie Belle Hendrix Cheek, the mother of Mrs. Buford Ellington; Dr. B. F. Smotherman, a graduate of the class of 1939, who is a prominent North Carolina Methodist Minister; Thomas Whitworth, a member of the class of 1962, became a nationally known specialist in the area of premature children.



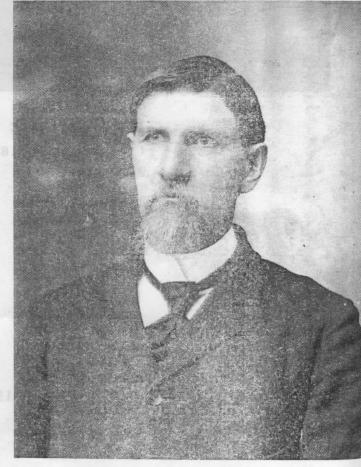
FIRST ROCKVALE SCHOOL STUDENTS
1896



ROCKVALE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Built 1910 - Total Cost \$1,117.30

F. M. Bowling , First Principal - established first curriculum.





ROCKVALE CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL

1910 - 1911 Student Body

THE LAMB FAMILY Compiled by Anne Hatcher

The Lamb family came to Versailles in the early 1800's. Williamson County tax records show that Thomas Lamb owned land on the headwaters of Big Harpeth in 1810.

It is believed that he was the son of the Thomas Lamb whose will was probated in Union County, South Carolina, 6 August, 1800. The will named the following children: Thomas, William, Longshore, youngest son John, Alice, Sarah, Ester, and youngest daughter Phebe.

Thomas Lamb died in 1816. He and his wife, Katherine, are buried in the Lamb Cemetery, on the east side of the Versailles Knob, a few yards south of the Garrett Cemetery. The Lamb Cemetery had 25-30 graves, but only a few can still be found. His will was probated July 1821. It named his wife, Katherine, and his children, Jonathan, Robert, William, Thomas, Joseph, David, John, James, Elizabeth Mary, Alice and Sarah.

David Lamb, son of Thomas and Katherine, died in 1846 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. A court record lists his heirs as: wife, Tabitha; sons, Barram, Harper, David, Jonathan, Thomas, Jesse and Benjamin; daughters, Catherine, wife of Carroll B. Haley, Vester Hill, wife of James Hill, and Sally; also, the children of Susan Lamb, who married David Lamb, viz, Nancy, Martindale, Elizabeth, Catherine and Sarah, minors under 21 years of age; and Rachel, child of Valentine Trail.

Thomas Lamb, son of Thomas and Katherine, was born in South Carolina in 1798 and died in Bedford County, Tennessee in 1864. He married Parry Putman in Williamson County in 1821. They were living in the Versailles District in 1850.

In 1864, Thomas' will was recorded in Bedford County, and named his wife, Parry, his children and grandchildren.

Thomas Lamb (1822-1877), son of David and Tabitha, married 1844, Sarah Lamb, daughter of Thomas and Parry. Their children were: William Henry Harrison Lamb, Mary Jane Lamb, David Lamb, and twins, Newton and Jasper (Jack) Lamb. Sarah died when the twins were young.

Thomas married Martha Westbrooks in 1856. Their children were: Richard (died young); Thomas Henry (Sproggin)

(See his family history); Tennessee Elizabeth (1864-1897) married William Adams Brannon; Nancy Emma, born 1866 married James Haynes; Lemuel W., born 1869 married (1) Mollie Williams (2) Lela Lamb (3) Georgia Taylor Reed (4) Minnie Maxwell Taylor; Repsey, born 1872 married Newt Underwood; Bunyon, born 1876 and never married.

Thomas and Martha Lamb are buried in a field on Jimmy Lambert's farm, the only two with inscriptions.

David Lamb, son of David and Tabitha, was born in 1812 and died 1861. He and his first wife, Jane, had the following children: William, 1832; Carroll H., 1835; Tabitha, 1837, married John Hutchinson; Abner, 1839; Lafayette, 1843; and George, 1846.

Jane died about 1852 and in 1853 David married Almary F. Westbrooks (1833-1870), both buried at Mt. Pleasant. They had three children: Meredith P. (Gent) Gentry, 1855; John Bell, (1859-1882); and Chesley W. (1861-1893).

William Martin (Kelly) Lamb, son of Thomas and Parry Putman Lamb (1827-1894) was a justice in the Tenth District and held court at Versailles. William Martin Lamb married Temperance Pope, 4 Apr. 1850. Their children were: Thomas J., 1852; Joseph, 1853, married Molly Vernon; Benjamin Hardy, 1854, married Mary Taylor; Harve, 1855, married Helen Vernon. William Martin Lamb married Nancy Tennessee (Tenny) Lawrence in January 1858. They had the following children: William O., 1859; Judith, 1862, married J. T. Reid; Mary Susan, 1864, married John Jackson; Parrie, 1866, married J. E. Reid; Louise, 1869, married W. J. Maxwell; Nannie, 1872; Tabithia (or Lythie), 1877, married Robert Jackson; Ada, 1880. Third wife of William Martin Lamb was Margaret Taylor, married 5 Oct. 1892. He and Tenny are buried at Mt. Pleasant.

Newton Franklin Lamb, son of Thomas and Sarah, was born in 1850. His first wife was Sarah Pope. Their children were: Richard Hardy, married Maggie Lamb; Lassie, died at 18; Lou, married Fronzie Smotherman. Newton Franklin and his second wife, Sue Winn, had the following children: Bertha, married Aubrey Haynes and their children were Dr. Aubrey Franklin Haynes and Mary Dean Haynes; Frank, never married; Earl, married Mary Gee; Blanch, married Amos Brown; Josephine, never married.

References: Interviews with Mr. Holt Garrett and Mrs. Bertha Haynes. Bedford, Rutherford and Williamson County records.

Thomas Henry (Sproggin) Lamb
Compiled by Anne Hatcher and from family information gathered by Sarah Jones Goodwin

Thomas Henry Lamb (1 Mar. 1862-6 May 1956), was the son of Martha Jane Westbrooks and Thomas Douglas Lamb. He married 24 Dec. 1888, Mary Jane (Manie) Neely (9 Oct. 1869-14 Jan. 1944), the daughter of James A. Neely and Harriet E. Long of Williamson County, Tennessee.

Thomas Henry and Mary James Neely Lamb had five daughters and five sons:

Eula May Lamb (28 Sept. 1890-26 Oct. 1936), never married, was a teacher in the public schools of Rutherford County including the Garrett and Rockvale Schools.

Modera Lamb (Dec. 1892, died young).

Frank Clyde Lamb (5 Oct. 1895-21 Dec. 1972), married Alma Lytle Comer (See Comer family).

4. Charles Lamb (1897, died an infant)

5. Robert Lee Lamb (1 Jan. 1899-16 Feb. 1937), was a merchant in Versailles and later Rockvale, died in El Paso, Texas with Phthisic.

Elizabeth Lamb, born 12 Oct. 1901, married Alford Richard Nance, Jr. (See James Woodson Nance family).

- Mary Christine Lamb (11 Apr. 1906-25 Aug. 1972),
- married Palmer Dexter Todd, Jr., and had one daughter. James Irvin Lamb (19 Jan. 1909-1 Sept. 1974), married Mary Wooldridge Jarrett, 12 Mar. 1932. They had two daughters:

a. Anne Wooldridge Lamb, b. 3 Apr. 1933
b. Jane Elizabeth Lamb, b. 18 Feb. 1944
Hardy Grady Lamb (19 Nov. 1904-1909)

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10. Jessie Ruth Lamb, born 10 Jan. 1913, married Joseph Marvin Brothers, 8 Dec. 1934. They had three children, James Marvin Brothers, Phylis Karen Brothers, and Steve Brothers.

Thomas Henry Lamb was a farmer. He and wife, Maney, lived for twenty years (1912-1932) at the old Nance place, were Grady Covington built his new house. The spring after they moved there, the cyclose of 1913 blew the big barn down, killing most of his livestock.

JAMES PORTER LEATHERS Information from persons who knew him.

One of the most prominent citizens of the Tenth Civil District of Rutherford County, Tennessee was James Porter Leathers, commonly known as J. P. Leathers or Jim Leathers. He was the son of William Leathers, who was affectionately called "Pa Billie", and Mattie Irene Haynes. Jim Leathers was born on 18 Nov. 1874, in Rutherford County near the community of Midland. William Leathers was the father of three children: Jim, who is the subject of this article; John, who became a traffic officer in Nashville; and Mattie Leathers, the wife of Dr. Thomas Poplin of the Versailles area.

Jim Leathers moved to Rockvale in 1903. He was a capable livestock dealer and auctioneer. He auctioned everything from farms to boxes of food at the old-fashioned box suppers held to raise money for schools. His first real sale as an auctioneer was selling a home on a farm; for this effort he was paid \$2.50.

Jim Leathers' first marriage was to Edna Taylor. They became the parents of one son, Joe Leathers, who married Mary Williams of Versailles, and two daughters, Edna and Ruth. After the death of his first wife, Jim Leathers married Della Jernigan. She lived only a short time, after which he married a Rockvale girl, Mamie Lofton. They had one daughter, Jessie, who married Eris Elmore of Eagleville. Their only child is Billie Elmore, who now lives in Nevada. Once more Jim Leathers sustained the loss of his wife. His final marriage was to Lorene Smith of Murfreesboro, who survived him.

During 1910, when the State of Tennessee awoke to the need for consolidated schools, Mr. Leathers brought the full force of his strong personality and business ability to bear upon securing a high school for Rockvale. The establishment of this school was a momentous step forward.

At an early age Jim Leathers was elected `a Magistrate from the Tenth District, an office he held for eight years. In 1918 he was elected County Court Clerk of Rutherford County. This made it necessary for him to move to Murfreesboro. He served in this capacity for thirty-four years.

Although his business carried him away from the Tenth District, his loyalty remained there. For many years he was a member of Rockvale Masonic Lodge 413, and he helped

support and attend the various school programs. He died 26 June 1951.

THE FOUNT LOVE FAMILY By Adelyn Stegall Stevenson

Fountain Pitts Love (1846-1919) was the son of Allen Rucker Love, who was a great, great grandson of Samuel Love, who came from Ireland to Augusta County, Virginia, at which place he died about 1856. After having served in the Confederate Army, Fountain Pitts Love came to the Versailles, Tenth District from Gibson County, West Tennessee.

In 1870 Fountain Pitts Love married Mary Portice Ransom, who was the youngest daughter of Athelston Ransom and Eliza Clark. Mary Portice was descended from Peter Ransom, born in England in 1620. After the marriage, they continued to live in the community and in the Ransom homestead. This home is standing today on Highway 99 near by and north of the Rockvale Consolidated School. At present it is owned and occupied by Vera Looney Burns.

Fountain Pitts Mary Portice Ransom Love became the parents of six children, four of whom reached adulthood:

- 1. Allen Athelston Love, married Lula Seat in 1911. Their two children were Samuel A. Love and Fount R. Love, both deceased.
- 2. Jennie Lenore Love married James McGill Robison, a Presbyterian Minister. After their marriage they moved from this community, but one of their six children, David McGill Robison, later returned to teach at the new Rockvale Consolidated School.
- Frances Adelaide Love, who never married, devoted her life to serving as teacher and secretary in the Concord Methodist Church.
- 4. Nannie May Love, also a teacher, married Benjamin Duggan Stegall in 1913. They remained in the community and became the parents of four children:
 - a. May Love Stegall married George Gale. She was a home economist for T.V.A.
- b. Whitney Stegall married Orene Cowan. Their two children are Whitney, Jr. and Amey. Whitney became a successful attorney and Chancellor of the Eighth Judicial District.
 - c. Goodwin Stegall married Eula McEachern. Their children are Dale, Linda and Janice. Goodwin is in business in Atlanta.
- d. Adelyn Stegall married James Stevenson. Their children are: Alicia Love, Mary Helen, Jana Lynn.

THE NERI LOWE III AND MARY FRANCES NANCE FAMILY Most information furnished by Lowe family members.

Roman numerals are used here to distinguish among the four consecutive generations of Neri Lowes. Neri Lowe III came to the Versailles area from a farm in Wilson first was employed as cedar buyer for the County. He Rockvale pencil slat factory. Neri III (16 Nov. 1871-24 Mar. 1940) married Mary Frances Nance (10 Nov. 1875-25 Mar. 1922) near El Paso, Texas. Neri III's parents were Neri II, or Jr. (26 Dec. 1842-16 Mar. 1910) and Elmira J. Winters (9 May 1842-17 Jan. 1910). Mary was the daughter of John Woods Nance and Nannie Hight Nance (See Nance family history). Neri III and Mary first lived in Versailles, where Otho Nance now lives. The family next lived in Rockvale before returning to the Wilson County farm from which a move to El Paso for health conditions was made. In 1922, the family to Versailles for about four months following returned Mary's death, and then purchased and moved to a farm about a half mile west of Rockvale School. The first child was born in Versailles, the second in Rockvale, and the other five in Wilson County. The farm was inherited by Neri Lowe IV, who raised his family there and now lives in a new brick house on the north side of the farm, the only Lowe to remain in the area.

Neri Lowe II and Mary Frances Nance had seven children:

- 1. Keeling Hight Lowe (2 June 1906-31 Mar. 1978) married 2 May 1936, Lois Stephens, born 13 Dec. 1911. Their only child, Nancy Jewel Lowe, born 2 Jan. 1943, is the wife of Charles Wayne Baker, and lives in Little Rock. Ark. He is an attorney and Federal Judge. The Bakers have five children: Julie Renee, Betsy Lynn, Troye Wayne, Susan Lowe and John Keeling.
- 2. Myra Gray Lowe (22 Jan. 1908-7 Jan. 1981)
- Nannie Nance Lowe born 15 Jan. 1910, married 29 Apr. 1939, Kjeld Hoye (18 June 1904 in Norway - 8 May 1977).
- 4. Naomi ruth Lowe, born 31 Aug. 1911, married 27 Sept. 1939, Edward Lee Haney, born 14 May 1916. They have two children:
 - a. Edward Lowe Haney, born 4 Jan. 1942, married 1 July 1971, Vivian Marie Yates, born 16 Aug. 1943. Their children are Shannon Bruce and Brandee Marie Haney.
 - b. Connie Lynn Haney, born 29 Jan. 1947.
- 5. Mary Pearl Lowe, born 1 Oct. 1913, one of twins, married 31 July 1952, Edward Elton Hess (7 May 1918-18 Jan. 1981). She was one of the three awarded the Ellen Ransom College Scholarship.

- 6. Grace Lowe, born 1 Oct. 1913, one of twins, died an infant.
- 7. Neri Lowe IV, born 12 Apr. 1916, married 29 Jan. 1946, Sara Frances Steagall, born 16 June 1920. (See Steagall family). Neri and Sara have two children and two grandchildren:
- a. Dana Martin Lowe, born 4 Mar. 1949.b. Nina Felecia Lowe, born 5 Apr. 1951, married Jon Dabney and has two children: Jennifer Wynne and Sally Jane Dabney.

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The Rockvale Pencil Mill

The Rockvale Pencil Mill was built around 1904 on Versailles Road near Rockvale on part of the Frank Carlton farm. The managers were: Neri Lowe, buyer, and C. W. Brent, Sr. in charge of operations. Cap Nance fired the boiler, which furnished steam power. Granville Rowland served as night watchman.

The operation consisted of sawing cedar into small slats, which were bundled and shipped to another factory, where the pencils were made. Dick McCullough sawed out the slats and sent them down a chute to tables where neighborhood girls packed bundles for shipping. For this work the girls were paid 50 cents per day - later raised to 75 cents. O'Cedar oil was also made as a by-product. Fire in the area where oil was processed resulted in the mill moving to Christiana about 1907.

Concord Tobacco Factory

Around the turn of the century a small tobacco factory was located on the bank of Harpeth Valley creek where the I.P. Burns Feed Mill stands today. The factory was on the side where the storage bins are at present. The warehouse was on the opposite side of the road where the feed mill stands. In this factory cured leaf tobacco grown on nearby farms was bought and converted into chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco and snuff. Joe Smotherman, who married a sister of Dr. E. T. Gray owned and operated the factory. The Smotherman family lived across the road from the Joe Manning home.

Blacksmith Shops

During the early days of horse and buggy travel and of home-made farm implements, blacksmith shops were numerous and necessary. "The Village Blacksmith" immortalized in the poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was highly respected and occupied an important place in the community.

The first blacksmith shop known to be near Versailles was owned by John William Gillespie around 1840. It is known that John W. Barnes, Sr. ran a blacksmith shop near the Mitt Cothran place. Later his son, John W. Barnes, Jr., carried on the family tradition by operating a shop in Versailles. The shop was later operated by Tom Spence. Joe Barnes also ran a shop in Rockvale near the Whitehead home.

About 1914 Taz Brooks and his partner, Bill McLean, had a blacksmith shop on the east side of the Murfreesboro-Eagleville turnpike between the Rockvale toll gate house and the Phoebe-Abe-Alvin Jarrett home. Across the road from the Brooks-McLean shop was another belonging to Bill and Minus Winsett. In later years, Dick Morris was the blacksmith at a shop near Puckett Store. Jackie Alcorn had a shop at Jackson Ridge.

Saw Mills - Grist Mills

During the early days blacksmith shops were not only numerous and necessary, but also were saw mills and grist mills. One of the first saw mills in the Tenth District within present knowledge was that owned and operated by Jim Shead who lived on the Snail Shell Cave Road. It was he who built the house later owned and occupied by John W. Farris, Sr. and at present owned and occupied by a Farris descendent. Hazel Farris Evans and her husband, Silas Evans.

After serving through the civil War, John W. Farris, Sr. bought the saw mill from Jim Shead and operated it successfully until his son, Dewitt Farris, was old enough to take over. DeWitt purchased land and moved the mill farther up the road where it stands today. The business prospered and is still in the Farris family under ownership of Dewitt's son, Sam C. Farris.

Another prominent saw mill was that owned and operated by John Nance in the village of Versailles across the road from Versailles store. John Nance also operated a grist mill in connection with his saw mill. The power for

these mills were furnished by a huge steam engine. Grist mills were the source of corn meal for family food. Dry corn, which had been grown on the farm, was shucked and shelled by hand, or later by small corn shellers. This device consisted of a small iron chute into which one ear of corn could be placed, a crank turned, and iron teeth would force the grains of corn from the cob. The corn was placed in heavy bags, taken to the grist mill and ground into corn meal.

Ben Cothran had a grist mill on his farm near Puckett Store. A grist mill and saw mill were opearted on the G.W. Burns farm at Jackson Ridge by Lee Burns.



Murfreesboro-Engleville turnpike between the Rockvale toll

road from the Browns-MoLean shop was another Delonging to

Saw Mill at Versailles about 1900. Versailles Store in background.

Cotton Gins

Before Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin (1793) and it came into general use during the early 1800's, picking the seeds from the cotton raised on the plantation was slow and laborious. To get enough cotton clear of seeds, even to be made into clothing, required those who harvested the cotton in the fields during the autumn, to sit up each night and pick out enough cotton seeds to fill their shoes. As cotton gins came more and more into general use, cotton acreage increased. In 1840-1875, James Copeland Hopkins, father of mrs. John W. Farris, Sr., operated a cotton gin in Versailles. Later, James Copeland Hopkins moved to Winchester, Tennessee. There was also a cotton gin located on the Francis Jackson plantation and another at Salem. Many land owners had small cotton gins for their own use. Two were in Versailles, one just north of the house where John Nance now lives. The land is known today as the "Gin Field". A part of this gin still exists. The gin was located in a barn known as the "gin" barn which was constructed so as to remove grain from wheat by having horses trample the straw in the loft to cause grain to fall through to the ground floor.

Weaving

Before the time when cloth could be purchased from stores, each household was responsible for its own weaving. On the plantations in and near Versailles, a building called the "Loom House", contained a loom on which a woman experienced in the art of weaving, made all the cotton and woolen cloth for those who lived on the plantation. The heavy cloth for winter wear was known as "linsey woolsey". The art of weaving was gradually lost as cloth became available in stores. However, at least one lady, Katherine Halstead, (mentioned elsewhere in this volume) continued to ply her art to weaving rag carpets. A lady who wanted a rag carpet would dye any kind of cloth, new or used, the colors she wanted in her carpet. This cloth was then cut into 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inche strips; these strips were sewn end to end and rolled into balls. Katherine Halstead and others could weave these strips into heavy carpet about one yard wide with as many yards as required to cover the floor. This would be cut in lengths to fit the floor and the yard wide strips sewed together.

Sorghum Molasses Mills

Sorghum molasses was an important source of sweetening and a sugar substitute. It was made from juice pressed from sorghum cane grown on the farm. This juice was

strained through cloth and boiled in a series of open air vats by men who had experience and skill in knowing how long to boil it to the right thickness. During the early 1900's, Jim Bob Covington operated a sorghum mill on the farm located back of the Nathan Robert (Boat) Jackson place. Another was operated by J.N. Covington on the farm a short distance northwest of Concord on the Jackson Ridge Road. Neri Lowe also made sorghum. In the 1930's molasses sold for 25 cents per gallon, if the buyer furnished the container.

The Shingle Factory

Roofs, at one time, were made almost exclusively of wooden boards. Not every man had the knowledge or skill to "rive" boards, as it was called. Most boards were split from oak logs and were approximately 36 inches long, 8 inches wide, ½ inch thick, with a very rough surface. Shingles were smaller than boards, most often made of red cedar, approximately 18 inches long, 3-4 inches wide, and tapered toward one end to a degree of thinness suitable to lap under the shingle joining it. Red cedar shingles, of which the roof of the Francis Jackson ancestral home was covered, lasted from before the Civil War until 1914. The T.M. Hendricks family owned and operated a shingle mill that was located about 100 yards north of the Jackson Ridge Store.

THE MORGAN FAMILIES

Samuel Morgan Family
Compiled by Nancy Puckett

Information from Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. Irene Smotherman and Mrs. Minnie Westbrooks

Samuel Morgan was born about 1815 in North Carolina. He married 17 Apr. 1939 in Williamson County, Tennessee, Martha Carson. They had twelve children:

- 1. Mary Morgan
- 2. Martha Morgan married a Little and moved to Texas.
 - Frank Morgan, born 16 Sept. 1852, married Georgia Ann Pinson and had five children: Martha, Jessee, Alice, Susie and Julia
 - 4. Jim Morgan married a Hendrix
- 5. William Allen Morgan (26 Feb. 1846-18 May 1924) married 31 Dec. 1873, Frances Argon Burns (19 Dec. 1853-10 Sept. 1927), daughter of I. P. and Julia Ann Burns. They lived near Jackson Ridge and are buried in the

Taylor Cemetery on Taylor Road. Their eleven children are:

- Francis Arthur Morgan (14 Dec. 1874-28 Dec. 1951) a.
- b. Thomas Monroe Morgan, born 21 Mar. 1877, married Evie Campbell
- c. William Sanford Morgan (born and died 19 Sept. 1878)
 - Minnie Lee Morgan (5 Aug. 1880-4 Mar. 1956), married Clotho Westbrooks
 - Leonard Morgan, born 12 Dec. 1882, married 1st Lillie May Carlton, 2nd Lula May Henson
- Richard Frazier Morgan (6 June 1885-1978), married Mattie Pate
- g. Ivey Samuel Morgan (14 Feb. 1888-15 Sept. 1907)
- h. Mary Alice Morgan, born 6 Dec. 1890, married Clarence Campbell
- i. Mannie Idella Morgan, born 3 Dec. 1892, married Harrison Taylor
- j. Infant girl (4 Dec. 1895)
 - k. Daniel Herbert Morgan, born 5 June 1897

Thomas Marion Morgan Family By Ruby Beasley Leverette

Thomas Marion "Tom" Morgan and wife, Susie Featherston, moved into the Versailles area about 1830. The Morgan home was a log house on the left side of Haunt Hollow Road about a half mile south of the Mt. Pleasant Church. The six children were:

- 1. Thomas Marion "Chess" Morgan, Jr. (1865-21 Dec. 1950)
- 2. Lee Roy Morgan (12 Oct. 1877-9 Feb. 1958)
- 3. Ed Morgan married Sally Pope
 - Nick Morgan, born 15 Mar. 1875, married Ida Edwards and 4. had four daughters:
 - Betty Sue Morgan, born 1901, married John Thomas Beasley (1889-1949). They had six children:
 - (1) Irene Beasley Redmon Lorance lives in Murfreesboro.
- (2) Ruby Beasley, born 3 Feb. 1923, married 13. June 1941, Hermand Leverette. The Leverettes five children: Thelma, Maranda, Betty, Recia and Gary.
- (3) John Marvin Beasley married Frances Bolden and lives at LaVergne.

 (4) Jimmie D. Beasley is deceased.
- (5) & (6) Sammie Lee Beasley and Estelle Beasley live with their mother, in the old Tom Johnson home on the bunker Hill Road.
 - b. Minnie Belle Morgan, deceased.

- c. Estelle Morgan, deceased.
 - d. Annie Morgan married Mathew Hasnick.
 - 5. Micky Morgan died at age nineteen.
- 6. Minnie Morgan, married Weldon Edwards, a carpenter. He and Tom Morgan, also a carpenter, built many houses in the Tenth District, including the first unit of the one at Concord now belonging to Bill Morgan. Minnie and Weldon had five children in Nashville:
 - a. Robert Weldon Edwards
 - b. Bertha Edwards Holton
 - c. Florence Edwards Tanksley
- d. Ruth Edwards Boone
- e. Elizabeth Edwards, who taught in the schools of Pennsylvania and New York State. She held her ties to the Versailles Community by making money contributions to the Mt. Pleasant Church and retaining membership. When death came on 20 Dec. 1980, by life-long request, she was buried beside her ancestors in the Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery.

Chess and Lee Morgan were best known in Versailles as the "Morgan Boys", and lived out their lives in the frame house at the same location as the log house. Chess and Lee were farmers and day laborers much in demand for hire. Cattle and mules were raised on their farm. Often the animals were retained from birth to death rather than marketed because of their attachment to them, and often pay for labor was accepted in feed for the animals. The "Boys" were considered by some as slaves to their animals because of this attachment. Chess and Lee were well known for their dialect, which placed an "a" before almost every word in the sentence, for their love of coffee to drink, for their votes at an election, and best of all for making their own way through life.

COMPANY A, 24th TENNESSEE REGIMENT, CONFEDERATE ARMY Newspaper clipping furnished by Sue Ferguson Puckett

Company "A" was organized in Versailles, Tennessee under the two oaks trees on the south side of the store. The record established by the 24th during battles at Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Stones River, Chicamauga and Atlanta is one of great interest to Versailles and the Tenth District.

Records at the National Battlefield at Murfreesboro reveal the 24th as a well-organized regiment. They served under General Bragg and were assigned to vital points in the thick of the conflict. Many descendants of this regiment still reside in the area.

Muster Roll

Deletions and additions occurred daily. This is the list at one time.

- Capt. J. C. Jackson, wounded at Shiloh & Shelbyville 1.
- 1st Lieut. F.M. Jackson, wounded at Shiloh 2.
- 2nd Lieut. J.W. Nance, wounded at Jonesboro, GA 3.
- 3rd Lieut. Richard Ransom
 William McDowell 4.
- 5.
- Merrit McGowan 6.
- 7. James Owen
- Ed Brown, died 1862 8.
- William Harrison, died 1862 9.
- William Vincin, died 1861 10.
- Jeff Owen 11.
- Robert Turner, wounded at Murfreesboro 12.
- 13. Ben Ward
- W.J.S. Fain, wounded at Nashville 14.
- F.M. Spence, wounded at Perryville, KY 15. W.M. Lamb
- James King, died 1863 16.
- J.C. Jones, wounded at Murfreesboro 17.
- Van Hendrix, wounded at Shiloh 18.
- J.A. Taylor, wounded at Jonesboro, GA 19.
- Ridley Jackson, wounded at Jonesboro, GA
 Rufus King, died 1862
 Joseph Corsey, wounded at Chicamauga 20.
- 21.
- 22. John Grinage
 A.J. Holden
- 23.
- 24.
- W.C. Corsey, died 1862 25.
- 26. Ab Haynes
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- 39. Joseph Young
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- Lemuel Manire, wounded at Chicamauga 41.
- John Stegall, wounded at Chicamauga 42.
- William Russell, wounded at Chicamauga 43.
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- Alfred Box, wounded at Murfreesboro 45.
- 46. William Garrett, wounded at Murfreesboro
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- J.C. Jones, wounded at Murfreesboro 52.
- Robert Carson, killed at Perryville, KY 53.
- 54. Newton Kay
- 55. Ezell Pope
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- Robert Devart
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- L.A. Wind, wounded at Shiloh 58.
- 59. T.P. Smith
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- Moses Vincant, killed at Shiloh 70.
- Thomas Wright, wounded at Murfreesboro 71.
- 72. J.C. Hudson, wounded at Shiloh & Perryville, KY

John Holden

- J.A. Johnson, captured & died in prison 73.
- 74. Abraham Gregory
- 75. Calvin Smotherman
- 76. Dodson Smotherman
- 77. C.T. Arbuckle
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- 92. W.T. Duran
- Nelson Lamb, wounded at Shiloh 93.
- 94. A.M. Manier

- 95. James Wright, died in prison
- 96. Calvin Featherston
- J.W. Smotherman 97.
- Nick Jones 98.
- Joseph Smotherman, died in the war 99.
- 100. Ben Lewis
- Charley James 101.
- 102. D.C. Jackson
- C.P. Taylor 103.
- R.W. Farris 104.
- Bill Jackson 105.
- Dr. W. M. Hutton 106.
- 107. William Rutledge, killed at Murfreesboro
- Charley Novell, died 1862 108.
- Daniel Novell 109.
- William Gentry 110.
- 111. Minus Gentry
 112. D.C. Manire
- 113. D.C. Carlton
- Sam Wright 114.
- 115. T.H. Corsey, killed at Franklin
- 116. B.F. Nance, hospitalized at Chicamauga and released



West front of Versailles store. Visiting baseball team in Versailles. Some members of Versailles Band. Frank Nance, merchant, front center. Bob Jackson, also front center.

VERSAILLES BASEBALL TEAM

James Wirlight, died in prison

Calvid Featherston

Interest in baseball, whether professional amateur, independent, scrub or one-eyed cat type has continued through the years. The sports page of the local and state papers were studied minutely before the coming of radio and television. Fans have been known to walk a mile in the early 1920's to listen to the World Series on a static dominated Atwater Kent Radio. It remains amazing and just short of a miracle that fans in Versailles, as elsewhere, can now sit in front of a television set and see the best of professional sports, especially baseball, anywhere in the fifty states, or the world.

The Versailles baseball team around the turn of the century included as players such local residents as:



1st Row: ? , Vincent Powers, Cap Nance, Ben Cothran,

Noah Brannon

2nd Row: Mace Cothran, Wash Powers, Jim Brannon, Mike

Brannon, ?

The Versailles Band Jan. 1, 1895



Left to right- Lem Lamb, J.C. Jackson, J.C. Ransom J.R. Jackson, J.L. Nance, B.F. Nance, O.F. Nance Freeland Jackson, Clay Carlton, and A.J. Nance

there to Rover, Tennessee, a part of the wide Versailles

THE NANCE FAMILIES

The Frederick Woodson Nance - Rachel Leathers Family

The Frederick Woodson Nance - Rachel Leathers Family was the first of the Versailles Nances to come to Tennessee. The family first settled in the Rover-Unionville area in a log cabin about three hundred yeards east of the Nance Cemetery, where both are buried.

Frederick Woodson Nance is the sixth generation from Cornwall, England. Richard Nance was first to arrive in the new world in 1620 on the ship, Jonathan, in the Norfolk-Jamestown area. Wife, Alice, arrived later on consignment to Richard, upon arrival. Four grandsons of Richard and Alice: John, Daniel, James and William, make up the old established lineages from the Jamestown Colony. Virtually all the approximately 22,000 Nances in this country can be traced to one or the other of these prolific four. The Versailles and Middle Tennessee Nances descended from John Nance, generation three, of these four. Thus the generations were (I) Richard and Alice; (II) Richard and wife; (III) John and Sarah Gookins; (IV) John and Jane; (V) Richard and wife; and finally to (VI) Frederick Woodson Nance and Rachel Leathers that arrived in the Rover area in 1830 with their family and a few young servants (slaves).

The route of westward migration was Jamestown, Charles City County, Henrico Co., along the "Appamatuck" River, Nances Neck, Prince George County, near Gravely Run, Great Branch, Picture Branch, and Hatchers Run, Lunenburg County at Double Bridges near Middletown (now extinct), and Mecklinburg to Granville County, North Carolina and from there to Rover, Tennessee, a part of the wide Versailles area at the time.

Brothers of Frederick Woodson Nance, all sons of Richard Nance V generation, were John, Clement, James, William and Howard. No daughters were recorded but most likely numbered as many. To dispose quickly of the five brothers of Frederick Woodson Nance: Harold and John remained in Granville County and raised large families of migrators; Clement went to Hopkins County, Kentucky; James to Lincoln Co., Tennessee; and William to Davidson County-Smyrna area. His son, William Howe Nance, is best known as an ancestor of John Nance Garner, 32nd Vice-President of the U.S.A.

Frederick Woodson Nance, born 1771 in Lunenburg

Co., VA, a giant of a man - 7 feet tall, 260 pounds, first married Agnes Burchett, 19 April 1793, in Granville Co., NC. Clement was supposedly their only child and came to Tennessee. The second marriage was to Rachel Leathers, 26 June 1809. Rachel, born 1782 in Granville Co., N.C., was the daughter of William Leathers, who received a 2,000 acre grant in Versailles from North Carolina in 1792. Frederick Woodson and Rachel Leathers Nance had eight children, all born in Granville Co., N.C.:

- 1. Richard (Leonidas) Nance (8 June 1810-28 Oct. 1883)
- 2. Cyrus Frederick Nance (25 Aug. 1812-19 Apr. 1846)
- 3. William Buckner (Buck) Nance (7 Apr. 1814-1896)
 - 4. Gideon Allen Nance (12 Aug. 1816-1896)
 - 5. Agnes (Aggie) Nance (12 Mar. 1818-8 July 1841)
- 6. (John) Wesley Nance (28 Sept. 1820-1877)
 - 7. Prudence Nance (15 Mar. 1826-14)
- 8. James Woodson Nance (15 Mar. 1829-4 Apr. 1910)

Of these eight only Richard and James remained in the Versailles area. Cyrus went to Pickens, Miss; William Buckner to Paris, TN; Gideon Allen to Larrant County, TX; Agnes and John Wesley to Holmes Co., Miss. All had families except Prudence who remained a spinster.

The coat of arms for the family is "Semper Eadem", or "Always the Same", and is the same as that of the English Queen, Elizabeth. The family had been in England about 500 years before the Huguenot exodus. Name variations from Nance are Nantz, Nans, Nantes. Many large grants of land were received. David for one served under George Washington in the Revolutionary War. There were several as grants usually came for war service or from the English Crown.

Sources: The Nance Register by Pete Nance, Shreveport, LA; Genealogy of the Nances by D. Nance; Nance Memorial History; Notes left by Edwin Nance, Shelbyville, TN and others; Memories and hand-me-downs of living persons.

The Richard (Leonidas) Nance, Sr. & Elizabeth Hill Family

Richard (Leonidas) Nance, Sr., eldest son of Frederick Woodson Nance and Rachel Leathers, married 31 Oct. 1833, Elizabeth Hill, born 29 Sept. 1814, daughter of J. Benjamin Hill and Sarah Mallard and the granddaughter of Thorton Mallard and Elizabeth Wright. Other Hill children were William and Margaret. Sarah Mallard Hill is best documented as "old Grandmother Smotherman", as she later, 1824, married James Smotherman. (See Hill family). Richard, Elizabeth and Sarah are buried in the Nance Cemetery south

of Versailles toward Longview.

Richard and Elizabeth acquired the 280 acre farm known today as the "Old Nance Place", in 1833, when the Hill and Leathers estates were up for settlement, which served as a catalyst for many land dealings along the West Fork Stones River-Alexander Creek-Harpeth Valley Creek area in Bedford, Rutherford and then Williamson Counties. The colonial house formerly on the "Old Nance Place" was built by Richard Nance in 1833-34, with large logs and wide cedar planks for floors and replaced a one room log cabin about half mile further back to the west. The colonial house which burned in the 1940's, became home for Richard and Elizabeth; and here all of their nine children were born. These children were eighth generation Americans and were:

- Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Nance (18 Sept. 1834-25 Aug. 1869) (See family history)
- Sarah H. Nance (17 Apr. 1836-30 Oct. 1871), wife of Meade H. Jackson, a Confederate Veteran and medical doctor, who later practiced in Memphis. Sarah is buried in the Nance Cemetery.
- 3. John Woods Nance, (30 July 1837-1 Feb. 1896) (See his family history).
- 4. Amanda Lee Nance (10 Jan. 1840-23 May 1908), married Thomas S. Maddox (9 Mar. 1836-18 Mar. 1915). The family lived in the Versailles area as did their son, John and his wife, Kate, and are buried in the Nance Cemetery. The ten Maddox children were: John, William, Robert, Thomas, Sallie, Alvin, Finis, Serepta, C.W., and James Nance. These Maddox children are ninth generation American, all have families and all left the Versailles area.
- 5. Serepta (Repsey) Nance, born 1846, married a Hix, had one child, Hezekiah Nance Hix. Both Repsey and Hezekiah were so physically abused that Amanda Nance Maddox took two year old Hezekiah and raised him as her own. The Hix surname was later dropped and Hezekiah Nance later raised a family in Boston, Mass., and became president of a bank. He visited Versailles one time around the turn of the century, and died in 1949.
- 6. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Nance born 1848, married Richard (Dick) Fain in 1868 in a big Versailles wedding. They lived afterwards in Shelbyville and Nashville.
- 7. Mary Nance, born 1849, died an infant. Grave is unmarked.
- 8. Mary B. Nance, born 1851, buried in an unmarked and unknown location.
- 9. Richard Leonidas "Lon" Nance, Jr. (5 Jan. 1854-Feb. 1909) left Versailles when a dead person (unknown) was

found under leaves on the Versailles Knob. Proof of the handed-down story has never been attempted or confirmed. Lon migrated to Rogers, Ark., became prominent in State government. Lon and wife, Ellen Braun, born 1856 at Beech Grove, TN, became the parents of eleven children and the ancestors of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Nances.

By the time the first four children became adults, Richard had accumulated large acreage and also approximately 100 persons in slave status. Slaves were bought and sold, and deeds to them recorded as if a piece of real estate. Refer to Record Book 9, pages 338-339, in Rutherford Co. Court House for recorded loan of negro girls, Elleanor and Haldah, valued at \$1,000 each, to his daughters, Sarah and Amanda.

As the family grew, Richard anticipated that war was inevitable; purchased land in 1859 in Versailles from William G. Hight, who had purchased the same acreage from Williams Jackson the year before; moved to Versailles; left son, John W. and wife, Julia Ann Jackson at the Old Nance Place; built the log two story store building at the present store location; closed out the old rock building store; moved the family into the new colonial house; and began slowly and systematically disposing of his slaves. The war came; the 24th Tenn. Infantry Regiment was organized under the big oak trees in front of the log store. Six of Richards sons and sons-in-law served. Life during the war was difficult. By letter son, Frank, advised his father of his two choices, "Stay where you are and knuckle under to the Yankee Government," or "Go further west."

Richard remained in Versailles; supported the Confederacy; mortgaged all his 1234 acres; bought bonds and notes to the maximum; housed and protected the women and children in his household; lost all the food and animals to one army or the other; and in 1868 the mortgages were foreclosed and land sold by the court appointed trustee. The Old Nance Place passed to brother James W. Nance. The three tracts in Versailles were bought from the court by sons; Frank and John W., for \$10,446.00 by debt assumption. In the colonial house under Richard's care all or part of the time between 1861-1868 were: Elizabeth, Sarah Mallard Hill Smotherman, Sarah Nance Jackson, Serepta Nance Hix, Hezekiah Nance (Hix), Amanda Nance Maddox, Elizabeth Nance, Mary B. Nance, Lon Nance, Rachel Leathers Nance and Hezekiah Hill. also in Richard's care and in the house across from the store built by Williams Jackson were daughter-in-law Nannie Hight Nance and her four children: Yancy, Tabitha, Elizabeth and Fred.

Thus Richard and Elizabeth gambled on the war and lost. A shoe box full of worthless Confederate notes and bonds was used by the children to play "store" until the colonial house burned in 1951. The two lived near or with son, John W. Nance and family until their deaths at age 63 for Elizabeth and 73 for Richard.

Sources: Same as for Frederick W. Nance.

The James Woodson Nance - Catherine Snell Family

James Woodson Nance, youngest brother of Richard Nance, married 13 Dec. 1859, Catherine Snell, a sister of John Snell. The Snell Family lived at the old Naron Place, south of Shelbyville. James W. Nance and Catherine are buried in the Nance Cemetery between Rover and Unionville at the first home place. He served in the 24th Infantry regiment organized in Versailles by John C. Jackson, later in the 45th Infantry regiment, and still later in General Forrest's Cavalry and surrendered in Selma, Ala., May 1865. James and Catherine had three children:

1. Alfred Ransom Nance (12 Nov. 1860-Nov. 1946), married Molly George Thompson (15 Dec. 1886-20 Nov. 1924). They had three children: James Frederick Nance, Edwin T. Nance, and Alfred Richard "AR" Nance, Jr. Edwin and AR, Jr. have families and are the Shelbyville Nances.

2. Katherine (Kittie) Nance, died 3 Mar. 1952, married J.C. Ogilvie and had three children: James Nance Ogilvie, Anna Catherine Ogilvie and Otho Henry Ogilvie, who has one daughter. These are the College Grove Ogilvies.

3. Anna Nance, died 6 Nov. 1944, married Frank Scales and had two children: James Hugh Scales and Sarah Catherine Scales. Both had families.

When James Woodson Nance died, daughter Kitty inherited the Old Nance Place and her son James Nance Ogilvie inherited from her.

Sources: Furnished by A.R. Nance and James Ogilvie.

The Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Nance and Nannie Hight Family

Frank (B.F.) Nance was the first child of Richard and Elizabeth and also the first of the Versailles Nances born in Tennessee. Frank Nance married Dec. 1859 to Nannie Hight, born 14 Nov. 1841, one of seven children of William G. Hight. (See that family). Frank Nance helped John C. Jackson in the rock store building until the new store was

built in the same location as the present one. He became the merchant in the new store until the 24th infantry regiment was organized. Afterwards the store closed until war end.

After William G. Hight swapped his Versailles land and store to Frank's father, Richard, the family moved into the house across the road from the store and remained there until 1875, after Frank died in 1868. Williams Jackson built this house about 1845. Frank (B.F.) Nance and Nannie Hight had four children, all born in Versailles where Otho Nance now lives, two before and two after his war service. The children were:

- 1. Richard Yancy Nance, born 14 Aug. 1860, went to Rogers, Ark. to live with his Uncle Lon (Richard Leonidas Nance, Jr.) in 1877. Later in Stillwell, OK, he became an attorney, married Lena Crick and raised two children. The Crick family was not in sympathy with the Confederate cause and much dissension existed.
- Elizabeth (Lizzie) Nance, born 1862, married Roberson Hoskins, had two children (one died an infant). Frankie Hoskins married a Gidrey and had one son, Leroy.
- 3. Tabitha Estella Nance (21 Mar. 1864-12 Aug. 1948), married 26 July 1883, Minos B. Carlton, born 5 May 1855 (See the Minos B. Carlton family).
 - 4. Cyrus Frederick Nance (27 June 1866-13 Sept. 1888), only one of the four buried in the Nance Cemetery.

Frank (B.F.) never regained health after his war service and was the first to be buried in the Nance Cemetery on the Versailles Road. Frank appeared somewhat undecided about the war issue, although he participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Stones River and Missionary Ridge after which he was released due to illness.

Sources: Same as for Frederick Woodson Nance

The John Woods Nance - Julia Ann Jackson Family

John Woods Nance married 14 Dec. 1857, Julia Ann Jackson, born 12 Nov. 1837, daughter of Williams Jackson and Drucilla Lytle and granddaughter of Francis Jackson I and Elizabeth W. Childress. The family lived at the Old Nance place where the first three of their children were born and until John volunteered for service in the 24th Infantry Regiment, 24 Aug. 1861, at which time Julia Ann returned to her father's residence in Bedford County until John W. returned in May 1865. John served under Capt. John C. Jackson as a forager; spent two months in a Nashville hospital; was discharged at Corinth, Miss.; reenlisted under

Col. Bratton; became adjutant and first lieutenant for which the pay was \$100.00 per month in Confederate money. He was with his units at Camp Trousdale, Nashville, Bowling Green, Murfreesboro, Stones River, Shiloh, Farmington Road, Perryville, Chicamauga, Sweetwater, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Jonesboro, GA where he was wounded, Granny White Pike, and Smithfield, N.C. He was paroled at Greensboro, N.C., May 1865, after taking the oath of allegiance and returned to Versailles on foot.

The family reunited and lived in the house on the hill behind the store and purchased in partnership with Frank (B.F.) Nance the 450-500 acre tract in Versailles from the court for \$10,466.00, when father Richard's mortgage was foreclosed. After Frank died in 1869, John assumed responsibility for the three households. When Julia Ann died 4 Aug. 1873, John and Richard's households were combined in the colonial house. John Nance slowly but surely prospered until he was considered quite well-to-do by 1890. With the help of Richard, Elizabeth, Sarah Smotherman, Nannie Hight, Rachel Leathers, Hezekiah Hill, Washington Vincent, and the black James Nance family and others, they went through reconstruction, severe drought and an economic depression and survived by hard work. The family operated the store, farm, sawmill, timber sales, cotton gin, small distillery, saloon in the store and John was postmaster from 25 Mar. 1874 until death with cancer of the jaw, for which he was quite sensitive the last three years.

Julia Ann was buried in the Poplin Cemetery. John W. in the Nance Cemetery. Their seven children were:

- 1. Thomas Wesley Nance (29 Sept. 1858-28 May 1889)
- Cassie Elizabeth "Bet" Nance, born 8 Feb. 1860 (See the John Dejarnett family).
 - 3. Albert Sidney Nance (12 Nov. 1861-30 July 1868).
 - 4. Otho French Nance (16 Mar. 1867-19 Feb. 1898), buried in the Nance Cemetery, he was a teacher and accountant.
- 5. James Lee Nance (24 Dec. 1868-22 Apr. 1917), the first to grow alfalfa in the area, he set out a peach and pear orchard, kept an outstanding horse (Old Toy) and buggy, operated a photography shop in the store, and made barrels of wine. "Old Toy" was left by will to Mittie Cothran, Mace Cothran's widow. Jim operated the store from 19 Jan. 1914 until his death, diagnosed as Parkinson's Disease. A two-horse drawn, glass enclosed hearse led the half mile long procession to the Nance Cemetery for his burial. His funeral may have been the largest ever in Versailles.
- 6. Frank (Benjamin Franklin) Nance (29 Jan. 1871-13 Jan.

1914, with mastoids.) (See the Frank Nance-Parrie Read family).

7. Drucilla Lytle Nance (21 Jan. 1873-29 May 1917) married Read Comer, and is buried in the Nance Cemetery.

From same source and notes left by Evalina Josephine Christopher Nance.

The John Woods Nance - Nannie Hight Nance Family

John Woods Nance was left with six children ranging in ages from less than two months to thirteen years when first wife Julia Ann Jackson died in 1873, and Nannie Hight Nance was left with four children ranging in age from three to nine years when husband Frank (B.F.) died in 1869. John Woods and Nannie were married 20 May 1875, the second for both. They combined in the colonial house at that time and the children were raised as brothers and sisters, although some were first cousins. To this day some of the cousins are referred to as aunts and uncles. Nannie continued to live in the colonial house during her 33 years of widowhood and until death at age 88. John W. Nance and Nannie Hight Nance had three children:

- 1. Mary Frances Nance (10 Nov. 1875-1922) (See the Neri Lowe family).
- Cap (Hezekiah John) Nance (14 Aug. 1877-16 Dec. 1954)
 (See the Cap Nance Evie Joe Christopher family).
- 3. Naomi Ruth Nance (14 June 1880-12 Aug. 1949), was a stenographer in Nashville and is buried in the Nance Cemetery. Her daughter's surname, married name and present whereabouts are not known. Returns to Versailles continued regularly throughout her life.

From same source as John Woods Nance and Julia Ann Jackson.

The Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Nance and Parrie Read Family

Frank Nance, youngest son of John Woods Nance and Julia Ann Jackson, born 29 Jan. 1871, in Versailles, married Parrie Read (22 Jan. 1887-8 Oct. 1939) daughter of (Singing) Jim Read and Judith Lamb. Frank was merchant in Versailles from 1 Feb. 1896 until his death, 13 Jan. 1914. He was postmaster from the death of his father until the office was relocated in Rockvale, 5 Sept. 1906. Frank and Parrie had two children:

1. Otho French Nance, born 28 Nov. 1911, married 1 Sept. 1934, to Lela Mai Powers, youngest of four daughters of N.W. (Wash) Powers and Lela Brannon. Otho was born and



H. J. (Cap) Nance

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e, born 98 No 1 Powers, you rs and Lels E has lived in the same house in Versailles to the present time. Their three children are:

a. Leila Elizabeth "Betty" Nance, has two children, Ellis Wright, Jr. and Deborah K. Wright.

b. James Franklin "Bud" Nance, has three children, Gregory Franklin Nance, John Patrick Nance (died an infant), and Jennifer Kay Nance.

. Edwin Lee Nance has three children: Lee Ann Nance,

Jo Beth Nance, and Edwin Brett Nance.

 Bennie Frankie Nance, born 4 Feb. 1914, married 13 Jan. 1936, John D. Pinkerton, born 2 Oct. 1913. They have four children: Sylvia Ann Pinkerton, John Pinkerton, Jane Pinkerton and Judy Pinkerton. (See Pinkerton family).

Following Frank Nance's death at age 43, Parrie Read Nance married Vincent Powers and their two children are Katherine Powers Burns and William Powers, both born in Versailles and both have families.

Sources same as for John W. Nance.

The Hezekiah John "Cap" Nance and Evaline Josephine Christopher Family

Hezekiah John "Cap" Nance, (14 Aug. 1877, in Versailles - 16 Dec. 1954), married Evalina Josephine "Evie Jo" Christopher (22 July 1887-13 Apr. 1972). (See the Christopher-Cromer family). Cap and Evie Jo lived in Versailles in the colonial house, and later its replacement, all except about two months at the Old Nance Place. Cap was a farmer, sawmill and blacksmith shop owner, merchant at Versailles from 1917-1923 and later at Rockvale in the Masonic Building from 1923-1926. Evie Jo lived in Versailles for 66 years of her life, the last eighteen alone. Cap was a Mason and a Shriner. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Cap and Evie Jo had four children:

- 1. An unnamed infant, born 9 Mar. 1907, lived one day.
- Richard Fred Nance, born 12 Aug. 1910, married 25 Nov. 1937, Frances McLain, born 13 Apr. 1910.
- William Henry Nance, born 31 Oct. 1913, married 13 June 1941, Nancy Gentry, born 18 Dec. 1914.
- 4. John Wesley Nance, born 17 July 1923, married 24 Dec. 1945, Frances Sylvia Riggs, born 17 Oct. 1924 in San Diego, CA. John and Frances have three daughters:

a. Joy Burnette Nance, born 15 Dec. 1946, has a daughter, Shannon Lea Booth

- b. Mary Lou Nance, born 2 Nov. 1948
- c. Karen Ann Nance, born 1 Dec. 1952.

All three live in the Atlanta area. Joy and Mary Lou were born in Rutherford County.

POSTSCRIPT TO VERSAILLES NANCES

No questions arose during research of the Nance family to dispute the accuracy of Frederick Woodson Nance and second wife, Rachel Leathers, being the sole first Tennessee ancestors of all the Versailles Nances, including Bedford Countians.

However, there were other Nances coming into and through Middle Tennessee as early as 1800. These were uncles, half-brothers, nephews, etc. of Frederick Woodson Nance since he was married twice. These were not followed because they did not lead to the Versailles area. William Nance, a brother, was followed into the Smyrna-Nashville-Davidson County area.

Other Nances not previously mentioned known to have been in Middle Tennessee at one time were: Isaac Nance sold in 1816 an acre tract of land on the east side of the now Midland-Crescent road to three church commissioners for erection of the Rock Springs Church, now extinct. Bird Nance bought part of a tract of land from John Smith which was part of a grant to John G. Hain (? illegible) by N.C. This joined the William Nance corner, presumably in the Smyrna area. Isaac Nance of Rutherford County bought from John Smith of Williamson County a tract of land on the waters of Stewart Creek. William Nance bought from John Rucker a tract of land on the East Fork of Stones River. There are several others making similar purchases. Some of these were Allen Nance, Henry Nance, Jane Nance, widow of Isaac Nance, etc. All of these occurred between 1808 and 1824, and are recorded in the Registers Office in Murfreesboro in Books F, G., H., K., L., M., O., Q. and others. One other worthy of mentioning is Joshua Nance, one of the first pastors (preachers) of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church (See that chapter.)

William Henry Mance, born 31 Oct. 1913, married 13 June

Grave Guards



This group guarded the grave of John W. Nance for several month . Left to right L.R. Smotherman Jim Nance, H.J. Nance, J.R. Jackson, R.J. Garrett and sitting Ellis Ransom John William Powers (8 June 1853-30 Mar. 1934) married 25 Dec. 1878, Catherine (Kitty) Luvenia Taylor (7

Nov. 1859-20 May 1922) daughter of Nathaniel Bufus and

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON POWERS FAMILY Compiled by William Eris Read

The Powers family originally came from Ireland. The first Powers of record in this country was George Washington Powers, born in the early 1830's. His father was also born in the United States, but his given name is unknown. Perhaps it, too, was George Washington.

George Washington Powers married Sarah Ann Street and lived in Tallapoosa County, southeast of Birmingham. The 1880 census reveals that John William Powers, the eldest son, was born in Georgia in 1853. The other children were: George Washington (Wash) Powers; Hattie Ann Powers who married Harry Scott; Tolliver (Toll) Hancock Powers; Sarah Powers; Frances (Fannie) Powers; and William (Bill) Powers. The last two were twins. Five lived beyond eighty years.

George Washington Powers, six of his brothers and his father served in the Confederate Army. George Washington became ill from measles and polluted drinking water, went home, died and was buried in Alabama. It is believed that all fought in the battle of Stones River. Family history indicates that at least four, perhaps all six, of the brothers never returned from the War. There are no known records as to what happened to them.

The Powers family came to Middle Tennessee after the Civil War. Sarah Powers and her seven children came to Tennessee with several other families in a wagon train. Most of the men were either dead or missing and the land was devastated. The family settled in Williamson County near Arno. The family probably became homesick as later they returned to Morganville, Ala. However, John William Powers later returned to Eagleville and worked for the Owen Tobacco Factory.

John William Powers (8 June 1853-30 Mar. 1934) married 25 Dec. 1878, Catherine (Kitty) Luvenia Taylor (7 Nov. 1859-20 May 1922) daughter of Nathaniel Rufus and Margaret Ann Brown Taylor and lived in the Versailles area on half of the inheritance from her father. The 220 acres were located on the Mt. Pleasant Road near the Baptist Church, where they built a new house.

John William and Kitty Powers had seven children:

 William Vincent Powers (20 Mar. 1880-25 Feb. 1953), first married Jimmie Manier (14 July 1894-2 Dec. 1918), daughter of David Lemuel and Mary Frances Puckett Manier. Vincent next married Parrie Read Nance, widow of Frank Nance, and the daughter of James T. and Julia Lamb Read. They had two children:

a. Cathryn Powers married Y. Burns Clark and their children are: Y. Burns Clark, Jr.; James Donald

Clark; Terry Clark; and Russell Clark

b. William (Billy) Read Powers married Margie Harrison and they have two children: William R. Powers, Jr. and Kaye Powers.

(For Parrie's first marriage, see the Frank Nance family). Vincent and his brother (Wash) owned the Lamb Bottoms, one time owned by Kelly Lamb, his wife's grandfather.

2. Mary Frances (Fanny) Powers (23 July 1882-5 Dec. 1974) married James Bell Taylor (18 Jan. 1883-12 Sept. 1940), son of Franklin Lafayette and Virginia Tennessee Jordan Taylor. They had one son that died at birth. James Bell Taylor had one daughter, Ruth, by his first wife, Gertrude Elmore. Ruth Taylor married Leslie Sharber. Fanny was 92 at death. (See the Sharber family).

3. Nathaniel Washington (Wash) Powers (23 Feb. 1885-5 Dec. 1959), first married Lela Bell Brannon (10 Aug. 1886-22 Mar. 1925), daughter of John and Mattie Whitehead Brannon (See the Brannon family). She bore him eight

children:

- a. Gerald F. Powers married Dorothy Elmore and they have eight children: Gerald Powers, Eron Powers, Dorothy Ann Powers, Granville Powers, Otho Powers, Ray Powers, Lela May Powers (twin to Ray) died at birth, and Sue Powers.
- b. Eron Powers (21 Nov. 1903-3 Feb. 1913)
- c. Thelma Powers married Alton Wood and has two daughters: Jean Wood and Ann Wood.
- d. Pauline Powers married Grady Ward and has one son, Robert (Bobby) Ward.
- e. Lucille Powers married June Hayes and has two sons: Jimmy Hayes and Gayle Hayes.
- f. Lela Mai Powers married Otho F. Nance and has three children: Elizabeth (Betty) Nance, James Franklin (Buddy) Nance, and Edwin Nance. (See Frank Nance family).
- g. Nathaniel Washington (Wash) Powers, Jr. married Ruby Lee Gillespie and has one daughter, Donna Powers.
- h. An infant mother and child died at childbirth.

For many years Nathaniel Washington Powers operated a threshing machine pulled by a large steam engine owned by Alex Ralston. Wash was founder of the One Gallus Fox Hunters Association (1934); Sheriff of Rutherford County

(1922-1928); Superintendant of Roads and Workhouse (1932-1933); and Police Chief of Murfreesboro until his death in 1957. The second wife of Wash Powers was Pearl Adcock (See that family).

4. Robert (Rob) Tolliver Powers (15 Mar. 1888-10 Mar. 1969)
married Lytle Kelton. Their two sons: John Robert Powers
and Curtis Tolliver Powers, now own the family farm.

Lytle later married Puckett Cothran.

5. Annie May Powers (1 Oct. 1890-10 June 1974) married 22 Dec. 1912, Thomas H. Read (17 Sept. 1889-14 July 1969), son of James T. and Julia Lamb Read. (See the Read family).

6. John I wey Powers (31 Mar. 1894-13 Oct. 1962) married Lela Pearl McClaran, daughter of Jim McClaran, and had five children: Wanda Powers, Edwin Ivey Powers, Jean Powers, Frances Powers and Ronnie Powers. John Ivey Powers daringly escaped from a German POW camp in WWI and was gassed moving back to the allied lines. He was a farmer and V.A. Hospital employee.

7. Arthur Rufus Powers married Mary Vaughn and had one son, Vaughn Powers who has three children. Dorothy and Cleo Hinson were Mary's daughters by her first marriage. Arthur was a grocer, farmer, contractor and deputy sheriff, and is now the only surviving family member of

his generation at age 85.

THE WILL PUCKETT FAMILY By Carmine Jackson

The first Pucketts known to be in America settled in Bristol Parish, Henrico County, Virginia in 1665. Six generations later, Charles Puckett, who was born Virginia, is known to have lived on the Franklin Road, on what is now the "Suits Me" Horse Farm in Rutherford County, Tennessee. His son, Caswell Puckett (1813-1865) married Malinda Cooper (1814-1877), daughter of James and Elizabeth Cooper. Caswell and Malinda Puckett had eight children: Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, James Nathaniel, Ann E., Mary F., Artimisa, Charles and William Caswell. Caswell and Malinda Puckett moved to the Versailles community in 1842 and lived at the homeplace, which later was owned and occupied by Mace Cothran and his wife, Melinda Jane Puckett Cothran. Continuing west to northwest on this same Mt. Pleasant Road, stands the old original home of James Nathaniel Puckett, son of Caswell and Malinda Puckett. James Nathaniel's first wife was Mary Frances White. Their eight children were Josephine Lou Ella, William Washington, Mary Frances, James Nathaniel, Charles Caswell, Malinda Jane, Alice Julia, and Frank Cooper. His second wife, Susie Eva Tune, bore four children:

Louis, Jesse, Fred and Harry.

During the early days, a general store stood across the road from the entrance to the Mt. Pleasant Road on Highway 99. This store was owned by Willie and Charles Gillespie, and was a drop point for mail.

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About 1904, James Nathaniel Puckett (commonly known as J.N. Puckett) and his son, William Washington Puckett (better known as Will) took over the Gillespie Store and built a very large building across the road. This new store was quite modern for that time, consisting of a first floor with storage rooms on each side and a broad stair case toward the back. The staircase led to a mezzanine floor at the back, front and on both sides.

It would be hard to estimate the great convenience that the Puckett Store afforded to the residents of the Tenth District during horse and buggy days. A trip to Murfreesboro by horse-drawn buggy or wagon required all day; a trip to Puckett Store could be made in half that time. This may have been the largest country store in Tennessee. The stock of goods was surprisingly complete: groceries, dry goods, dress goods, shoes, furniture, rugs, carpets (especially matting so popular at that time), hardward, farm tools, simple farm implements with repairs, De Laval Cream Separators, simple drugs, ready made coats, jewelry, and a very extensive and successful millinery department on the mezzanine. Mrs. Will Puckett was milliner with Fannie Berry as a clerk and assistant milliner.

On March 1, 1893 Will Puckett married Alla Ezell of Chapel Hill, Tennessee. They built their home a very short distance west of the store on the right side of the road as one travels west. This house stands today and is occupied by a great-granddaughter, Betty Puckett Rowland. Will and Alla Puckett became the parents of two children:

 Clarence Franklin Puckett married Edith McDonald. Their only child, Clarence William Puckett married Lela Woodard and had three children: Bettye Puckett Rowland, Mary Puckett Taylor and Edith Ann Puckett Rowland.

 Magnes Puckett married Evan Taylor and had three children, two of whom reached adulthood: Ruth Taylor who married Avery Bell; and Herman Taylor who married Joyce Alexander Lowe.

With the coming into general use of the automobile and good roads, more and more people began to do their shopping in Murfreesboro. The flourishing trade at Puckett Store, other country stores, and the peddling wagons

gradually declined. An era had passed. The old Puckett Store, however, still stands proudly and in good repair. The mezzanine has been converted into a full second story, the storage rooms into bedrooms and it is a Health Care Center for out-patients from the Veterans Administration Hospital.



PUCKETT STORE AND PEDDLING WAGON 1910

First Row: John Davis, Alf Hudson, Alton Grey Hudson

Back Row: ? , ? , Will Puckett, "Dub" Bennett

THE PINKERTON FAMILY By John D. Pinkerton

Joseph Pinkerton, born 1764, a Revolutionary War veteran, moved to Davidson County about 1795. He and his wife had three children: Eleanor, born 1801; Joseph, born 1803; and Mary, born 1805.

James Pinkerton, grandson to Joseph Pinkerton, was born in 1826. He married Elizabeth Priscilla Brown in 1847, daughter of William and Catherine Brown (see Brown). They had ten children:

- 1. William F. Pinkerton married Callie Crabtree
- 2. Samuel Pinkerton married Tennessee Taylor
- 3. John C. Pinkerton married Mary Elizabeth Smotherman. They had six children:
 - a. Evie Pinkerton married Houston Smotherman
- b. Nathaniel Taylor Pinkerton married Clara Bowen.
- c. John C. Pinkerton, Jr. married Maude Justice.
- d. Sally Pinkerton married Summer Smotherman
- e. Molly Pinkerton married J. W. Gentry.
- f. Joseph Marion "Jose" Pinkerton married Florence Whitworth in 1903. They had nine children:
 - (1) Alma Ruth Pinkerton married Russell Neal. Two children: Russell Neal, Jr. and Joe Neal
- (2) James M. Pinkerton married Nell Faith. One child: James Whitworth Pinkerton.
 - (3) Whitworth Pinkerton married Robbie Reed. One child: Jerry Pinkerton.
- (4) Willie Mai Pinkerton, never married.
- (5) John D. Pinkerton married Frankie Nance. Four children: Sylvia Pinkerton, John N. Pinkerton, Martha Jane Pinkerton, Judy Pinkerton.
 - (6) Herbert Pinkerton married Rothwell Lamb.
 Three children: Betty Pinkerton, Jean Pinkerton, Joan Pinkerton. Herbert Pinkerton next married Maybelle . Five children:
 Roger Pinkerton, David Pinkerton, Pat Pinkerton, Cheryl Pinkerton, Dennis Pinkerton.
 - (7) Nathaniel Pinkerton married Emalyn Jackson Pinkerton (her second).
 - (8) Clay Pinkerton married Emalyn Jackson. Two children: Clay Jackson Pinkerton, Linda Pinkerton.
 - (9) Leslie Pinkerton, never married.
 - 4. Jose Marion Pinkerton married Julia Estes.
 - 5. Catherine Pinkerton married Frank Rutledge.
 - 6. Parthenia Pinkerton
 - 7. Rainey Pinkerton
 - 8. William Pinkerton
 - 9. Robert Pinkerton
 - 10. Samuel Oscar Pinkerton

THE MORTON FAMILY By John D. Pinkerton

The first Swedish expedition sailed from Gottenberg late in 1637, under Peter Minuit, and landed on the Delaware early in the Spring of 1638. It comprised a clergyman and 50 settlers. They purchased land from the Indians extending along the river as far up as the falls where Trenton is now situated. Thus, New Sweden began. Others came in 1641, and from time to time, although the total number never reached more than 1,000. The settlement prospered under succeeding Swedish governors.

The first member of the Morton family of Delaware County, PA is to be found in the names attached to the Oath of Allegiances of the Swedes to the Dutch in 1655, where the name is spelled "Martin Martens".

Morton Mortonson, arrived in 1654 with the 10th Swedish Expedition and settled in Delaware County, PA. He resided on his plantation at Ammesland in Ridley Township, then Chester (now Delaware) County, PA, and was living there along with his son Morton Mortonson, Jr. who immigrated with his father.

Morton Mortonson, Jr. and his wife Margaret had six children: David, Andrew, John, Matthews, Katherine and Margaret. John Morton married Mary Archer and died before the birth of their son, John in 1724. This son John was born in Ridley, Chester County, PA. He became a surveyor and acquired a knowledge of law, and was long in the Assembly, and its speaker in 1772-75. He was high sheriff of the county, 1766-70; in his later years, president-judge of common pleas court and a judge of the supreme court, as well as a member of the Continental Congress from its beginning in 1774. He case his vote for the Declaration, thus committing his province to the Revolution. He helped to frame the plan of confederation, but did not live to see it adopted, dying of yellow fever at his birthplace near Philadelphia.

Honorable John Morton married about 1743 to Anne Justis of Kingseeing, Philadelphia, and they had 12 children, of whom four sons and five daughters survived as follows:

- 1. George Morton born in 1745, married his cousin Sarah Morton and they moved to Virginia.
- 2. Aaron Morton, married Francis Armitt, issue three children: Benjamin Morton, John Morton, Mary Ann Morton
- 3. Sketchley Morton
- 4. John Morton, M.D. was a surgeon in the Continental Army,

and died a prisoner of war on the British ship "The Falmouth".

- Sarah Morton
- Lvdia Morton 6.
- Elizabeth Morton 7.
- 8.
- Ann Morton, married Captain John Davis, a soldier in the 9. Revolution and captain of the 9th Reg. Pa. Line.

Jacob Morton, born 1787, moved to Bedford County, Tennessee in 1808. He married Anna Fisher in 1815, daughter of Machael Fisher, a soldier in the American Revolution. They had fifteen children. Nancy Morton, the sixth child, married Edward Whitworth and they had three children as follows:

- 1. Quinn Erastus Whitworth married India Pope, daughter of Matthew and ? Revel Pope. Eight children:

 - a. Edward Whitworth died in infancy.b. Will Whitworth married Kitty Smotherman. b. Will Whitworth married Kitty Smotherman.
 c. "Boss" Whitworth never married.
 d. Bytheny Whitworth married Tom Puckett.

 - e. Nancy Whitworth married Robert Carlton.
- f. Florence Whitworth married Jose Pinkerton in 1903. They are the parents and grandparents of the Pinkertons living in the Rockvale, Versailles and Link area. (See Pinkerton).
- g. Noah Whitworth died at age seven.
 h. Charlie Whitworth married Bessie Dill.

 2. Martha Anne Whitworth, never married.

 - 3. Benjamin Whitworth, never married.

THE SMOTHERMAN FAMILY By John D. Pinkerton

James Smotherman, born 1792, and his brother Samuel Smother, born 1794, probably came into Now Bedford County in the early 1800s.

James Smotherman married Sarah Mallard Hill, born 1793, widow of J. Benjamin Hill in 1824. Four of their children were: Mary, Rebecca, Eldridge and Johnathon. This Eldridge Smotherman married Sussanah May, her second. Their son, Richard Smotherman, is the father of Ethel Smotherman who married Richard Garrett, the parents of Holt. Herbert and Woods Garrett.

Samuel Smotherman and wife, Elizabeth, had eleven children between 1815 and 1838. Elmore Walker Smotherman, born 1828, the eighth of these eleven, married his first cousin, Mary Smotherman in 1851, daughter of Sara and James

Smotherman. Elmore Walker Smotherman served in the Confederate Army and was wounded at the Battle of Chicamauga, released and walked home with an injured leg. He and Mary had:

- 1. Lovinia Smotherman married Drewy (Durusy) Bennett
- Eldridge Smotherman (nephew of Eldridge) married Martha Crick in 1872.
- 3. Mary Elizabeth Smotherman married John C. Pinkerton (see Pinkerton).

(The Smotherman genealogy is being researched by a local resident and may be available at a later date.)

THE RANSOM FAMILY OF TENNESSEE

The Ransom family is of Scottish origin. James Ransom (dates and place of birth unknown) married Amy Davis. They became the parents of eleven children. Richard, their oldest son, was born in the county of The Isle of Wight, Scotland in 1752. He married Kissie Portice.

Richard Ransom enlisted early in the Revolutionary War, was a Private, a Lieutenant, and a Captain. He was captured during Giles' defeat in South Carolina on August 15, 1780. He heard that they were to be sent to Halifax, England. He, with ten other men, made their escape and lived on raw corn for eleven days and for two days they lay covered with mud to conceal themselves. Finally they got back to their command.

Richard Ransom lived in North Carolina until 1812 at which time he came to Tennessee, setttled in Rutherford County in the Spences Branch area, and remained there until his death in 1827.

Richard Ransom and Kissie Portice Ransom became the parents of twelve children: Robert, Benjamin, William K., John, Lemuel, Nancy, Athelston, Mary, Harry D., Sallie, Richard and Alfred, twin boys born in 1802.

The Ransom family is a closely knit group, using the same family names over and over to the point of confusion. They are a people who choose professions rather than business careers. They are well-educated, many being medical doctors or ministers of the gospel. Mary Ransom, daughter of Lemuel Ransom and Priscilla Ridgeway Ransom, became a missionary to Japan.

As is to be expected of a family of this size, the members became widely scattered, settling in various parts of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Texas. Arkansas, New York and even Mexico. A goodly number, however, remained in Rutherford County, Murfreesboro and Versailles.

The twin brothers, Richard and Alfred Ransom, born in 1802, were among those who remained in the Tenth Civil District of Rutherford County at Versailles. Alfred married Sallie Snell, while his twin brother, Richard, married Elizabeth Snell (26 Jan. 1810-16 July 1905), a first cousin of Sallie. Richard and Elizabeth had three children: Alfred Portice Ransom, who died in infancy: Willis Snell Ransom (23 Aug. 1832-17 Dec. 1889); Richard Ransom (5 July 1835-4 Feb. 1903).

During those long-ago days, some of the early settlers must have had a vision of Versailles becoming a much larger planned town. On file in the State Archives in Nashville. Tennessee is a diagram of the future Versailles laid off as town square surrounded by building lots. In Deed Book N, page 344 in the Williamson County Courthouse in Franklin Tennessee, a deed is recorded showing that on June 8, 1836, Richard Jackson sold to Richard Ransom Town Lot No. 6 in Versailles, Tennessee for \$10.00. Today (1982) the stately ante-bellum Ransom home stands in the very heart of versailles, on Town Lot No. 6. This house was one of five built in this area between 1826-1859, all following the type of architecture popular at that time. In 1905 after all the Ransom family had left Versailles, this home and farm were bought by Jim Adcock and is in possession of this family today.

Willis Snell Ransom, son of Richard and Elizabeth Snell Ransom and heir to the home and farm described above, married Ellen Copeland (4 Sept. 1841-22 June 1893). To this union came one daughter and five sons:

- 1. Lutie Ransom died young
- Samuel R. "Dick" Ransom moved to Birmingham, Alabama.
 Alfred Ransom, unmarried, lost his life in a railway accident at age 27.
- 4. Joseph Copeland Ransom (3 July 1865-12 April 1917) married Fannie Elam, daughter of Dr. Elam of Murfreesboro, They were the parents of four children: twin boys who died in infancy; Joseph C. Ransom, Jr., who died at age two; and Rebecca Ransom, born 8 Aug. 1913. After graduating from the University of Tennessee in Knox-

ville, Rebecca married Jennings A. Jones of Del Rio, Tennessee. Rebecca and Jennings Jones reside in Murfreesboro near their four children: Frances, William, Ellen and Russell. These are all married, live in Murfreesboro and have families of their own.

- 5. William Alexander Ransom, twin of Ellis
- 6. Christopher Ellis Ransom, twin of Will.

William Alexander "Will" and Christopher Ellis "Ellis" Ransom, became connected with Roberts, Johnson and Rand Shoe Company in St. Louis, MO at an early age and continued in this business for the duration of their active years. Their love and loyalty to their boyhood home at Versailles stood the test of time. Whenever possible they came back to visit. Fortune smiled on them in many ways and their generous hands were ever out stretched in giving to those in need. In 1930 they established a four-year scholarship to the Middle Tennessee State Teachers' College in Murfreesboro, This scholarship was to be awarded to the most deserving graduate of Rockvale High School. This was given in memory and honor of their Mother and called "The Ellen Copeland Ransom Scholarship". In 1930 this honor was won by Dell Taylor; in 1931 by Billie Todd; in 1932 by Pearl Lowe.

Somewhat late in life, Ellis Ransom married Mary Snell of Murfreesboro, They made their home in Los Angeles, CA. Ellis died on April 13, 1950.

William Alexander finished out his days as a bachelor, spending much time in St. Louis. Will died on August 28, 1951. Both Ellis and Will, however, returned to Murfreesboro for their retirement years. Many delightful days were spent in the Versailles area, visiting friends and taking care of the Ransom Family Cemetery.

After the death of Richard Ransom on March 2, 1835, his widow, Elizabeth Snell Ransom, married Marquis Lafayette Covington. To this union two daughters were born: Mary Jane Covington, who married Captain John C. Jackson (See Jackson family); and Sue Adelaide Covington, who married Captain Francis Marion Jackson (see Jackson family).

During the year 1846, Marquis Lafayette Covington died. Elizabeth Snell Ransom Covington was again left a widow. Elizabeth was a most remarkable woman. She was married at the age of twenty and, though she married twice, she had only a total of thirteen years of married life. She lived in widowhood for more than sixty years. She outlived

both her husbands, all of her sons and sons-in-law, also all of her daughters and daughters-in-law. She was self-reliant, lived an active temperate life, and, despite her advanced age of 95, had no illness until the last year or so of her life. She kept her strong, clear mind up to her death. She was industrious to an unusual degree, always giving a helping hand to those in need. One example of this was demonstrated during the dark days of the Civil War.

One afternoon a small detail of Confederate soldiers presented themselves to Elizabeth's door. This detachment was led by Colonel Venable and Elizabeth's youngest son, Richard Ransom. They were enroute to West Tennessee to recruit fresh troops. About ten o'clock, Colonel Venable was taken very ill and died. Elizabeth gave him a Christian burial in a beautiful hilltop plot near her home, which later became the Ransom Family Cemetery.

After the close of the War, the parents of Colonel Venable came to locate and claim the body of their son. They were so charmed with the gracious lady, who had cared for and buried their son, that they left his grave untouched.

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THE READ (REID)(REED) FAMILY

The Josiah Read Family

Josiah was the first Read known to have settled in the Versailles-Mt. Pleasant area of Rutherford County, TN. Born in 1768, a native of Virginia, he probably was accompanied by brothers and other relatives to Tennessee as connections with families in other counties are indicated. Josiah Read and Mary Carson were married 10 Nov. 1791 in Campbell Co., VA, and had at least seven children beginning with Robert in 1796, Clement, William, Nancy, Vernale, Polly and Elizabeth.

Williamson County tax records show that Josiah owned 70 acres of land at the head of Harpeth River in 1807, after migrating to Tennessee in 1802. Josiah died 12 Mar. 1842. Mary died 11 Nov. 1860, at 87. Both are buried in the Read Cemetery located on the now Earl McKnight farm, formerly the Read farm.

Robert Read married Elizabeth Gentry, born in 1802, and moved to Dyer County after 1817, where their eight children were born: Letsy, John H., Clement Thomas, George Washington, Josiah (Joe) Green, Martha, Robert F., and Elizabeth. Robert Read's first wife, Elizabeth, died about 1841, and he next married Elvira Carson, his cousin, and had eight more children, all born in Rutherford County, after he returned from Dyer County. These were: James Madison, Elisha Crawford, Harvey Porterfield, Jerusha Tennessee, Minos Columbus, Cyrene Emily, Samuel Carson and Jasper Edmund.

Of these sixteen, the ones pertinent to the Tenth District and Versailles are Clement Thomas Read, George Washington Read, Samuel Carson Read, and Jasper Edmund Read. Josiah Green Read, Elisah Crawford Read and Harvey Porterfield Read's son Robert Read, all married Ralstons (See Eagleville History).

Robert Read died 17 Dec. 1883. Elvira, died 26 Mar. 1891. Both are buried in the Read Cemetery. At least six of his children and several grandchildren are buried there also.

The Clement Thomas Read Family

Clement (CLem) Thomas Read lived in the Versailles area for a number of years and then purchased 78 acres near the head of Overall Creek. A teacher and farmer, he later bought the "North Place", the Ogles Woodland, the Primm Lot, and Sims Landing along Overall Creek, and other properties, some on Kingdom Road in Bedford County. Clement married Rebecca Lytle Jackson, oldest daughter of Williams Jackson and granddaughter of Francis and Elizabeth Childress Jackson. The "Childress" name came from the wife of President James K. Polk. (See the Williams Jackson Family). Clem and Rebecca Lytle had eleven children:

1. Drucilla Elizabeth Read (1847-1930) married John W. A. Haynes (1844-1918), and had four children: Walter Eugene Haynes (a doctor), Beatrice Haynes, Julian Lytle Haynes, and W. T. Haynes.

2. Robert William Read (1850-1918) married Mary Jane Hill (1850-1920). A doctor, he attended medical school in

Nashville. They had four children: Mary Anna Read, Robert A. Read, William Aclin Read, and Ena S. Read.

3. John Childress Read (1852-1919) married Julia Ann Snell (1859-1922) and had six children: Hardy Thomas Read, Richard Bland Read, Clemon T. Read, Martha Lytle Read, John Childress Read, Jr., and Alzada Read.

4. Indiana Marcella Read (1854-1920) married Richard A.

Harris, his second. A son became a doctor.

5. Richard Thomas Read (1855-1879) was killed in a conflict over wages for work.

6. James Theophilus Read (1857-1912) married Judith Ann Morton Lamb (1861-1923) daughter of William Martin Kelby Lamb.

7. Mary Emily (Millie) Read (1860-1882) married G. W. (Wash) Burns (1849-1910), his second. (See Burns

Family).

8. Martha Curtis Read (1862-1883), twin of George, married

Joe Wray.

- 9. George Washington (Bud) Read (1862-1886), twin of Martha, married Mary M. Renshaw and had two children: Lillian Lee Read and James Arthur Read.
- 10. Cassa Anna Read (1865-1885) married G. W. Burns after her sister's death and they had one son, Roscoe Burns.
 - 11. Sammie Lee Read (1867- ?) married Lizzie A. Burns and had two children: Bessie Read and Rebecca Read both moved to Nashville.

James Theophilus Read

James (Singing Jim) Theophilus Read was a farmer and school commissioner in Bedford County. The family lived on a farm on the now Kingdom Road west of Caders Crossing. A church leader and song director at Mt. Pleasant Baptist in Versailles, James T. became known as "Singing Jim" and held many singing schools in Bedford and Rutherford Counties. Soon after death a poem was published in honor of "Singing Jim" entitled "God's Singer". It pictured him as both a writer of music and a singer with a wonderful and powerful voice. Many of his offspring have music talents. He was transported the twenty miles to the hospital in Murfreesboro in a two-horse wagon, died with a ruptured appendix and returned in his coffin for burial.

Singing Jim Read and Judith Ann Morton Lamb had 14 children:

1. William Clemon Read (1880-1881).

 Childress Washington Read (1881-1957), married Ora Taylor and had three children: Herman Anthony Read, Mary Agatha Read and Margaret Parie Read.

- 3. Robert (Bobby) Theophilus Read (1883-1893).
- 4. Clarence Lee Read (1885-1885).
- 5. Richard Lamb Read, a twin of Clarence, died at birth.
- 6. Parrie Anna Read (1887-1939), first married Frank Nance and the two children were: Otho F. Nance and Bennie Franklin Nance. She next married Vincent Powers and their two children were: Cathryn Powers and William Read Powers. (See both Nance and Powers families).
- 7. Thomas Harrison Read (1889-1969) married Annie May Powers (See further).
- Basic Dewitt Read (1890-1947) married Ruth Heath and had two boys: James Samuel Read and Harold Wayne Read.
 Jenny Rebecca Elma Read (1894-1948) married Grover
- 9. Jenny Rebecca Elma Read (1894-1948) married Grover Brannon and had three daughters: Mary Elma Brannon, Parrie Cleveland Brannon and Audrey Estelle Brannon. (See Brannon family).
- 10. Nettie Vaughn Read (1897-1972) married Jesse S. Shearin. Their four children were: Glen Shearin, Sarah Shearin, James Edmond Shearin and Jesse S. Shearin, Jr.
- 11. Otis O. Read (1899-1919).
- 12. James (Jim) Morton Read (1902-1959), married Alla D. Smotherman. Their two children: Judith Ann Read and James Morton Read.
- 13. Selma Tennessee Read (1904-1975) married William P. (Bill) Yarbough. Edith Was the only child.
- 14. Edwin Aldine Read (1907-1928).

Thomas Harrison Read

Tom Read, seventh child of "Singing Jim" Read, was a farmer in Versailles for many years. Afterwards he worked for Veterans Administration for 15 years in Murfreesboro. Tom Read was one of the early school wagon drivers to Rockvale High School in the early 1920s, when Jenette King was Superintendant of Schools. The family lived in the house behind the Versailles store. In 1940, he purchased the home place of Vincent Taylor, an early settler and great-grandfather of his wife, Annie May. The farm now belongs to Hollis Read (son) and Mary Read Crick (daughter) and her son Ronnie whose family now lives there.

Tom H. Read and Annie May Powers (See the Powers family) had four children:

- Tom Hollis Read married Lillian Guy Gordon, and they have three children: Thomas Gordon Read, Lillian Delgay Read and Pettus Lee Read. Hollis drove a school bus for 42 years.
- 2. Frances Lou Morton Read (1917-1923).
- 3. William Eris Read married Mary Ida Dunaway. Eris was

coach, teacher and Principal at Rockvale H.S. for 23 years and is now Assistant Principal at Riverdale H.S.

4. Mary Lorene Read married William Earnest Crick. They have two children: Rodrick (Ronnie) Read Crick, who lives on the family farm, and Peggy Jane Crick.

THE ALEXANDER A. SCOTT FAMILY

Alexander A. Scott (3 Dec. 1812-19 Nov. 1855) married Mary Jane Hobson, lived in the Nashville area and is buried in the Old City Cemetery on Fourth Ave., South. To this union was born one daughter and six sons: Andrew, Richard, John A., William H., Sam and George W.

George W. Scott, an orphan at age 12, came to Eagleville to live and work with the Scales family who operated a general store. George W. Scott married Mary E. Ralston whose father was Andrew Ralston, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, migrated through Ireland to America and acquired land in the Mt. Vernon are before 1831. George and Mary had a large family. Andrew A. (Buck) Scott, the oldest son, married Evelyn Owen, from the Mt. Vernon area. This Owen family migrated from Virginia through Nashville to the Eagleville area about 1800. Evelyn's mother was a descendant of Drewey Bennett, who came from North Carolina to Mt. Vernon about 1811. Her grandmother was Lovinia Smotherman, daughter of Elmore Walker Smotherman.

A. A. (Buck) Scott had six children: Estelle, Howard, Owen, Robert (Jack), Grady and Maira. Howard, Owen and Grady have families.

Aside from being a rural mail carrier (see post offices), A. A. (Buck) Scott operated a store at Concord from Jan. 1909 to Jan. 1915, at which time the family moved to Rockvale in the well-known Scott residence.

THE SLAVE-TO-FREE TRANSITION

and

SOME EARLY BLACK CITIZENS BORN OF SLAVE PARENTS

By Alvin Jarrett, several families mentioned,

1870 census, and The Committee

The 1860-70 decade in Versailles and the Tenth District ranged from one of violence during the war years to one of survival by transition and hard work dis-enhanced by an economic depression and drought.

The 1860 census enumerated 731 whites and the blacks were not counted. War clouds were rising.

Many prominent, successful, black and mixed persons have ancestors among those listed by name in the 1870 census. Members of both races accept the statement without doubt that genetic mixing did and still does take place.

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James (Jim) Jarrett and Phoebe McCullough and other Jarretts moved into the house on the hill behind the Versailles store when it was vacated by John W. Nance in 1873, upon the death of his wife. Phoebe, best known even today as "Aunt Phoebe", was born a slave in the McCullough family in 1854. Phoebe became the "Black Mammy" for all of John Woods Nance's children, step-children and the Richard Ransom children living or born in Versailles between 1873 and her death in 1923.

The James Jarrett Family had seven children of their own, all born in the house behind the Versailles store. These seven were:

- 1. Annie Jarrett became the mother of Henry Jackson.
- Lula Jarrett died young.
- 3. Ella Jarrett, born 1876, became the mother of three children: Oscar, Ola and Annie. Ella lived in Rockvale, where Alvin Jarrett now lives, until her death in 1970. Following Jim Jarrett's death, Phoebe also lived in this house with Abe Jarrett, Jim's brother, until her death in 1923. Will and Ellis Ransom saw that Ella's life was made easy for many years even though she continued to do custom washing and ironing by hand.
- 4. Garfield Jarrett, whose son is Alvin Jarrett, the main source of information about the Jarretts, had two wives. Ella Seay is Alvin Jarrett's mother and Amanda Nance is Abe Nance's mother. Alvin is quite adept at wood carving, is now 77 years old (1982), uses a walker and is the step-father of Modena Glen, 53, whose mother was a Hendrix. Amanda was the only black Nance living in the Tenth District in 1900. She was living in Abe Currin's household and single in 1900 census.
- 5. Alice Jarrett had a son, Howard Knight.
- 6. Eunice Jarrett died young.
- 7. Otho (Boy) Jarrett has a daughter named Eunice that now lives in Johnson City. "Boy" named for Otho Nance, was a minister, a good mechanic on Model T. Fords, died in Gallatin in the 1960's.

The source of this information is the knowledge and memory of Alvin Jarrett and the census records, which greatly confirm memory of now living persons.

As recorded in the Family Bible of Francis Jackson, II, and Elizabeth Hale Jackson, "Aunt" Dicey was born on the Jackson plantation during June 1839. She was only one of many born on this plantation, beginning with Mary, who was born Dec. 1828 to Amy, a daughter Silvy, born

17 Feb. 1849. Dicey, however, became a favorite and was taken into the household as a maid. She married Dock Comer. This couple lived in a log house built in a clearing down near the Forks of the Road (many years later called "Rockvale") about where the home of Lottie Sharber stands today (1982). At that point in time, approximately 1850-1900, that area, on both sides of the road, was covered with a thick stand of tall, majestic cedar trees to such an extent that the road was in dense shade at all hours. Diagonally across the road from the home of Dicey and Dock Comer nearer the Forks of the Road another clearing had been made and a log school building had been erected for black children. In Deed Book 18, page 99, is the record of this gift from Francis Jackson.

Dicey and Dock Comer continued to help on the plantation. Often Dicey would bring her small granddaughter when she came to clear "The House", as she called it. To prevent the child from wandering and meddling, Dicey would say, "Kitty, you better not go upstairs; there's boogers up there." Kitty grew up to marry Abe Nance, who lived on his own farm at Milltown, but to this day (1981) no amount of persuasion could induce Kitty to go upstairs.

"Aunt" Maria Jackson and her granddaughter, Annie, who grew up to marry Otho Jarrett, lived in the house on the lot where Pauline Sewell lives at present. Maria was noted for delicious cakes at a time when written recipes and cookbooks were practically unknown. This natural ability to cook is called "soul cooking" and cannot be improved upon.

Taz Brooks was born of slave parents. He never knew his mother or father. He and his sister, Lizzie Brooks Jordan, were slaves in the Joe Brooks family somewhere near Eagleville. Taz lived at Rockvale after he was set free and married Sallie Comer, daughter of Dicey and Dock Comer. They became the parents of Kitty, who married Abe Nance.

Taz Brooks was a blacksmith. He and his family lived in a log house which stood near Phoebe Jarrett's last home place where Alvin Jarrett lives at present. The blacksmith shop was between the home and Jarrett Place. About 1919, Taz Brooks helped build the Original Church of God in which he and his wife worshipped as long as they lived. This church still stands and is active today. It is located on Versailles Road, in front of the one-time school house.

Directly across the road from Taz and Sallie Brooks, lived William (Bill) Winsett and his wife, Deallie

Peek Winsett. They built their own home and blacksmith shop. There were three sons in this family:

1. Joseph Winsett moved to Chattanooga.

2. Willie Winsett died quite young while a student at Fisk

University in Nashville.

3. Minos Winsett, who remained in Rockvale and married Mattie Jackson, daughter of David Jackson. Minos and Mattie became the parents of one daughter and four sons:

a. Dillie Winsett married D. L. Coffee and moved to Bedford County.

- b. Clinton Winsett, now deceased.
- c. Joe Frank Winsett, now deceased.
 - d. Minos Winsett, Jr., now deceased.
 - e. Jackson Winsett, who was employed by the Bell Brothers Lumber Company in Murfreesboro for 28 years. In 1959, he went into business for himself at Jack's Glass Shop; in Murfreesboro. Jackson Winsett married Bertha Jordan. They are the parents of one son, Jackson Alexander Winsett. Bertha Jordan Winsett is a teacher, as was the mother of Jackson. Mattie Winsett taught in the Rutherford County schools for years.

During the lifetime of Bill Winsett, he fenced in a burial plot on his own farm, known as Winsett Cemetery. There he and Minos are buried (1919) and his wife, Mattie (1968).

Adjacent to the Winsett home place, on the west, stood another house in which "Aunt" Ann Webb lived with her daughter, Maggie, and her son, Jim. Jim Webb was small in stature, and usually was seen wearing a derby hat and carrying a cane. For a number of years, he was sexton at the Rockvale Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His chief delight seemed to be ringing the bell in the church tower to signal the time for worship. Also, he was busy with broom and large feather duster to keep the sanctuary clean. When the Rockvale High School was built in 1910, Jim Webb became janitor.

Jim Arnold was shipped to Tennessee around 1862 from Mississippi. Along with him came "Aunt" Alice Williams and "Uncle" Frank Thomas. At first they were kept in a stockade in Nashville. After the war, Jim Arnold and his wife, Nancy, bought a farm back of the Whitus place. They became the parents of thirteen chidren. Alice located in the Patterson Community. Frank lived near Windrow. Both owned their homes.

Carl Amos Barnes lived about four miles south of

Versailles on the Longview Pike. Carl Amos was the son of Fannie Luster and Ed Barnes. His step-father was Ive Luster, well remembered for his love of entertainments; Fourth of July picnics, ice cream suppers and ball games. Carl Amos, born 8 Oct. 1908, married Esther Love, born near Jasper, Marion Co., TN. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Versailles and over a period of 28 years lived on the farms of J. R. Jackson, Graham Gordon and Otho Nance. On 15 Apr. 1959, they moved into their own home, which they had built on the Longview Pike. They became the parents of six children, four of whom still survive: Evelyn, Mary and twin boys, Leon and Leroy. Carl died 3 Feb. 1979 and Esther continues to live on at the home place. Lawrence Love, brother of Esther Love Barnes, came to Versailles in 1938. He was employed by Jim Adcock until 1944 at which time he took a job with the L & N Railroad. He lives with his widowed sister.

Sid and Alice Garrett lived at Versailles for a number of years. As age came on "Uncle" Sid amused himself by catching turtles. He would stroll along the creek banks and, on catching sight of a turtle, he would draw it from the water and carry it home for a tasty meal. Alice was very fond of fancy dress, especially many strings of beads to be worn all at once. She enjoyed visiting her neighbors, hoping for a new string of beads to be added to her collection. Sid and Alice had a daughter, Henrietta. She married Dale Murray, nicknamed "Shine". He and Henrietta made an excellent team and found constant employment. They became the parents of six children: Shellie, Alberta, Violet Mae, Richard and Ben (both deceased) and Sanford.

Thomas F. Seay, born in 1859, better known as Tom Seay, whose father was also Tom Seay, born in 1842, married Ellanora E. Cooper in 1907. They became the parents of twin daughters: Ether, who died in infancy and Ethel. At this time, they lived south of Versailles on the Longview Pike near the Last Chance Mill. Soon after their marriage, Tom Seay bought an 80-acre farm from Paul Johnson the Thompson Road. During 1914, Tom Seay removed the original log house and built a modern five-room framehouse. This was the house later owned and occupied by the Virgil Sharber family. The farm was productive and well managed. Apples from a large orchard were made into cider for vinegar. A large flock of sheep furnished wool to be spun, knit and woven into warm winter clothing. The children of this home walked to the Rockvale School, which stood back of the present Original Church of God on the Versailles Road.

Ethel Seay married John Henry Batts on August 15,

1926, and became the parents of sixteen children, nine of whom are still living. In 1972 Ethel and John Henry moved to a house on the Versailles Road near Whitus Road.

Cana Frazier, his wife, Nicey, and their three children, Fred "Buck" Wilson, Florence and Jo Anna moved from Salem to the Versailles Community, where they lived for a number of years.

"Aunt" Al Jordan and her eight children lived at Versailles, also. The Jordan children were: Will Ellis, Earnest (deceased), Fred, Joe, Harry, Anna Lou, Focie Lee, Josephine and Maggie Ann. Harry Jordan and Florence Frazier lived in the house with Cana and Nicey. They lived for many years on the farm of Grover and Fowler Jackson; later on the farm of Willie Floyd Williams. On both farms they operated a dairy and share-cropped tobacco. Cana died on 13 Dec. 1966. Fred Wilson "Buck" Frazier married Maggie Ann Jordan. They became the parents of two daughters and four sons: Mary Ann, Donna, Charles, Fred, Frank and James Ernest. The last three own and operate the dairy farm formerly owned by Jesse Smotherman.

The Moses Jackson Family

Moses Jackson, (12 Apr. 1882-1966), one of four children of Dave Jackson and Lydia Hendricks, married Helen Coffee. Their eight children are:

- 1. Etha Jane Jackson married Sam Henderson.
- 2. Lydia Jackson married Simon H. Glanton
- 3. Willie Jackson married Louis Alexander
- 4. Ruby Jackson married Joe Rogers
- 5. John Frank Jackson married Frances House
- 6. Annie May Jackson married John Cosby
- 7. Margaret Jackson married Josh Griffin
- 8. Odahlia Jackson married Lorenza New.

Moses Jackson's grandmother, Letty, was 41 years old in 1858, and brought to Tennessee from North Carolina by the Hendricks family. Letty and Lydia, mother and child, were sold by the Hendricks to Richard Jackson about 1858 (See letter in possession of Lydia Jackson Glanton).

The Moses Jackson family owned and lived on a farm on the Thompson Road. All the children, except Ruby, completed high school in Murfreesboro as there was no school that blacks could attend. When the 1870 census required surnames, the Jackson name was assumed. Six of these children attended Tennessee A & I (Tennessee State University).

THE SHARBER FAMILY

e Jackson Sharber,

The first Sharber and one of the very early settlers of Rutherford County who settled near Versailles, Tennessee, was John Ellis Sharber. He was born in North Caroline 14 July 1793 and came to Tennessee as a young man. Family history says that the original name was Sharbrough and was shortened during the early years of John Ellis' life, about 1812, to the present form, Sharber.

John Ellis Sharber's holdings consisted of some 600 acres. The family cemetery is located one mile north of Versailles, behind the Thurman Williams house. The land lay in a northwest direction from there. The Neri Lowe property was once a part of the Sharber holdings. Besides being a successful farmer, John Ellis ran a large distillery a few miles west. A pitcher pump marked the spot of the original distillery. John Ellis Sharber married Partheny Jones who was born in 1792 and to this union were born ten children: Elizabeth, Jehu E., Joe W., J. C., Nancy, Mary J., David, Malinda, Randolph Noah and John Hendrix Sharber. Partheny died 15 Dec. 1832, only two weeks after John's birth. She was buried in the family cemetery and a very ornate stone marks her grave.

John Ellis married second, Mary Webb. They had one son, William Valjean Sharber.

One son, whose descendants still live in this community was Randolph Noah Sharber, born 3 Oct. 1830 and at age 26 married Margaret Helen Crutcher. Issue of five children: Nancy Virginia Sharber (Garvin); Lillie Sharber (Simmons-Holton); Leolia Sharber (Smotherman); Zella Sharber (Dunn); James Randolph Sharber.

James Randolph Sharber was born 8 Sept. 1864 and although some of his sisters also lived here, it was through him the Sharbers continue in this community. He married Florence Ridley Wilson, born in 1875, who was the daughter of John Thomas Wilson, Esq., and Mary Dee Brooks Wilson, both born in 1850. To the union of James (Jim) Randolph and Florence Wilson Sharber were born ten children:

- John Adolphus Sharber, born 5 Dec. 1893, married 21 Feb. 1912, Beatrice Jackson, born 17 Sept. 1889. To this union five children: John Jackson Sharber, Aubrey Phender Sharber, Grady Dewey Sharber, Mary Pearl Sharber, and Gene Sharber. These children moved away.
- Virgil Sharber, born 28 Aug. 1895, married Pearl Jackson, sister to Beatrice. They had eight children:

Gary White Sharber, James Ferrell Sharber, William Ivie Sharber, Cloras V. Sharber, Talmadge Jackson Sharber, Dorothy Ann Sharber, Robert Alvin Sharber and Mary Frances Sharber. These children also moved away.

3. Leona Sharber, born 16 July 1897, married William McWhirter and had one son. She married second, Russell Norman and to this union were five children. They lived in the Mt. Pleasant community in Maury Co., TN.

4. Robert Sharber, died young

5. Sammie Lee Sharber, died young

6. Cornelia D. Sharber, died young

- 7. Willie Gray Sharber, born 21 Oct. 1905, married 12
 April 1933, Lottie Hall. They had three children:
 Robert Harold Sharber, Clarence Wallace Sharber and
 Herbert Leon Sharber. These children moved away from
 the community.
- 8. Frank Leslie Sharber, born 12 May 1907, married 12 Nov. 1942, Ruth Taylor.
- 9. Homer Henry Sharber, born 1 Sept. 1910, married 2 Apr. 1938, Numa Fern Smotherman. They had three children:
 - a. Lynda Adel Sharber, born 2 Sept. 1943, married Charles E. Trimble and moved to Nashville.
 - b. Cline Wilson Sharber, born 3 Oct. 1945, married Dorothy Ann Hanberry and had two children. He married second, Jo A. Carini and lives in this community.
 - c. Homer Henry Sharber, Jr., born 7 Dec. 1953, married Debra Lynn Nipp. They have two children. Their home is one mile east of Versailles.

This is the one family whose two sons remain in this community.

10. Clarence Lee Sharber, born 22 June 1914, married Jeanne Bennett. They had four children: James Randall Sharber, Stephen Bennett Sharber, Anna Claire Sharber, John Wilson Sharber. They moved out of state.

Sources: By Homer Henry Sharber, Sr., from the Sharber Family Bible; History of Tennessee, Maury County; Sharbers of Tennessee, Williamson and Maury Counties, Tennessee; "A Genealogical Study of the Descendants of John Ellis Sharber for Record and the Future Generations", by Dr. and Mrs. William Barnard Barton, Stonega, VA.

THE SMITH FAMILY OF ROCKVALE AND SALEM By Frank and Ruth Smith Yeargan

The Smith Family of Rockvale and Salem were inclined toward the professions.

Major Robert Smith (1752-1822) emigrated from Goochland Co., VA to Rutherford Co., TN in 1804. His illustrious ancestors, through five generations, all bore some military title, as did their forefathers.

The Salem Methodist Church still stands today on land which Major Robert Smith gave during June 1816.

This is the background and heritage of James Madison Smith (5 Feb. 1831-12 Feb. 1908), who owned and operated a farm in the Tenth District of Rutherford County. This farm is located a little more than one mile north of Rockvale opposite the entrance to the Thompson Road. It is known today as the Smith Farm, the Henry Turner Farm, or the Woodson Place.

James Madison Smith was a farmer who served for three years in the 11th Tenn. Cavalry of the Confederate Army. He was married twice: First to Fannie Becton, who died in 1858, leaving one childre; second, to Margaret Hutton, who became the mother of seven children, two of whom lived in the Tenth District, at least for a time.

William Sims Smith married Mary Farris of Concord and lived directly across the road from his father's farm.

Sidney Bertrand Smith (27 May 1871-23 Mar. 1953) married Lucy Carolyn Currey, graduated from the School of Medicine and from the Liberal Arts College of the University of the South, and taught school at Rockvale and became a prominent farmer and physician. Later in life he moved to Salem Community near the Methodist Church, also near his ancestor, Major Robert Smith.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Bertrand Smith, Ruth Riggs Smith, became the wife of Frank Carlton Yeargan of Rockvale on 30 May 1941 and now make their home in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. (See Francis Marion Carlton family).

THE STEAGALL/STEGALL FAMILY Compiled by Jack and Wanda Steagall

Randolph Steagall was born in Virginia about 1767. He married Susanna Lafoon. The first documentary proof of the spelling of the Steagall/Stegall name for this family was found where Susanna signed her name as Susanna Steagall. This in no way stopped the different spelling even with her own children. The spelling will try to be kept as written by those using it throughout this brief family history.

Randolph and Susanna Lafoon Steagall came to Rutherford Co., TN Circa 1826, with six of their adult children and their families to make their homes in Rutherford and adjoining counties. The children were: Griffin, Ralph, Jesse, Lizzie, Samuel and Jane.

Ralph Steagall was born 16 Mar. 1793 and married at age 25 to Lucinda Nolly. Their four children were Susan J. (Steagall) Sheffield, Elvira (Steagall) Allison, Samuel J. Steagall, who became a medical doctor, and Nancy L. Steagall. After Lucinda's death, Ralph married second, Nancy Green (Webb) Puckett, widow of Pleasant Puckett. She brought to this second marriage two children, Mary Jane Puckett and William Rufus Puckett, who were raised in the Steagall home. To this second marriage were born two sons, Pleasant M. Steagall and Richard Allison Steagall. Pleasant M. married Josephine Gregory and moved to Kerr Co., TX.

Richard Allison Steagall married at age 26 to Mary Callie D. Gregory on 14 Sept. 1874. She was one of twelve children born to Alexander "Jack" and Frances (May) Gregory and sister to Josephine (Gregory) Steagall. To Richard Allison and Mary Callie Steagall were born four children, two of whom raised their families in this community. The children were: William Mitchell Steagall, Susan Elvira (Steagall) Lewis, Benjamin Duggan Stegall and a twin brother to Benjamin who died in infancy.

In 1893 Richard Allison Steagall traded 116 acres in the 8th District of Marshall Co., for 285 acres in two tracts in the Tenth District, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Versailles.

William Mitchell Steagall was married at age 28 to Cora Felicia Sutton on 21 June 1904. She was one of four children of Thomas Franklin and Mary Elizabeth (Waddey) Sutton who also lived in this community. To this union were born seven children: William Mitchell Steagall, Jr., Harry Lewis Steagall, Mary Elizabeth (Steagall) Taylor, Thomas

Richard Steagall, George Steagall, Waddey Steagall, and Sara Frances (Steagall) Lowe. Cora Steagall died when Sara was four years old.

William M. Steagall, Sr., second married 19 Jan. 1936, Ethel Lytle (Morris) Thomas who was the daughter of Alford Preston and Mattie (Moore) Morris and the widow of James Clementine Thomas. She brought to this second marriage three sons: Howard Lee Thomas, James Grady Thomas, and Charles Preston Thomas. William M. Steagall, Sr. and Ethel L. (Morris - Thomas) Steagall had three children: Jack Steagall, Sue Ella (Steagall) Jones, and Ethel Jane (Steagall) Bennett.

Susan Elvira Steagall taught in the local schools and at age 28 married Andrew Haskell Lewis on 27 Dec. 1906. They made their home in Uvalde, TX and their children were: Lucile (Lewis) Howard, Andrew Haskell Lewis, Jr., and Callie (Lewis) Meyer.

Benjamin Duggan Stegall married at age 33 to Nannie Mai Love on 9 Jan. 1913. Their four children: May Love (Stegall) Gale, Whitney Stegall, Goodwin Fountain Stegall, and Adelyn Portice (Stegall) Stevenson. The family has retained possession of the Ben Stegall residence.

Though many of the Steagall/Stegall descendants continue to live in Rutherford County, only three continued to live in the Versailles area. They are Harry Lewis Steagall, Jack Steagall and Sarah (Steagall) Lowe.

THE GREEN STEM FAMILY Compiled from microfilm census records

The Green Stem family lived about a mile out the Whitus Road as late as the 1920's. The residence was near that later occupied by the Will Steagall family.

The 1900 census records reveal that the family consisted of Green Stem, born Apr. 1858, and six children. No wife was listed and presumably was deceased. The children were: Massy Stem, born Sept. 1882; Sallie Stem, born Sept. 1884; Alf Stem, born Aug. 1886; Hugh Stem, born Oct. 1890; Pearl Stem, born Feb. 1893; Willie Stem, born Jan. 1899.

Green Stem was a farmer and well known because of his name. Some recall him as being adept at splitting off white oak boards with a froe.

THE TAYLOR-BRANCH FAMILY By Alf Poplin Taylor

During the eleventh century in England (1066) the name of the Taylor family was spelled Taillifer. By 1635, the name had been changed to its present form. James Taylor, the first of the family to leave Carlisle, England to immigrate to America, lived four miles northeast of Orange Co. Courthouse in Virginia. He was a large landowner, a surveyor and married Martha Thompson. Nine children were born to them, two of whom became grandparents of two Presidents of the United States: James Madison and Zachary Taylor.

Thomas Taylor from Virginia was a settler in Davidson Co., TN in 1785. His wife's given name was Martha, but her maiden name is not known. In 1795 Thomas Taylor registered a land grant for 320 acres of land on the east waters of the Whites Creek in Davidson Co., TN. This grant was assigned to Thomas Taylor by Benjamin Jones, a private in the Revolutionary Army to whom it had been originally granted for war service. Thomas Taylor and his wife, Martha Taylor, became the parents of ten children:

- James Taylor, b. 11 July 1771, married 1818, Belle McGavock
- Susana Taylor, (2 Jan. 1775-10 Sept. 1822), married 28
 Feb. 1807, William Shaw
- 3. John Taylor, b. 2 Jan. 1775
- 4. Mary Taylor, b. 4 Mar. 1777, married 6 Aug. 1794, Evans Tracy
- 5. Robert Taylor (28 Apr. 1779-Ca. 1846), married 4 Apr. 1806, Eliza Branch in Davidson Co., TN
- 6. Fannie or Hannah Taylor, b. 22 Apr. 1784, married 6 June 1799, Robert Branch
- 7. Sarah Taylor (2 Mar. 1786-10 June 1805)
 - 8. Thomas Taylor, II (27 Jan. 1790-27 Dec. 1852), married 25 May 1812, Martha Branch
- 9. Margaret "Peggy" Taylor, b. 22 Oct. 1794, married 5 Sept. 1810, John Branch
- 10. Martha "Patsy" Taylor (22 Oct. 1794-10 Feb. 1816), married 23 Aug. 1811, Jonathan Clay

Another prominent family who moved from Virginia to Tennessee was the Branch family. Benjamin Branch, born about 1740 in Southampton Co., VA married Nancy Neblett in Virginia on 5 Sept. 1778. He moved with his family to Montgomery Co., TN about 1796 and about 1800 moved to the upper waters of Whites Creek, about four miles from Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. Eliza Branch, daughter of Benjamin Branch and Nancy Neblett Branch, married Robert

Taylor, son of Thomas and Martha Taylor (see above). About 1840 Robert and Eliza moved to Rutherford Co., TN. They bought a farm fifteen miles from Murfreesboro, three miles west of Versailles on which they built a large house and raised a large family. This house still stands today, owned and occupied by a Taylor descendant, the family of Frank Ivan Taylor. The house is colonial, begun in 1827, and similar to four others - Jackson, 2 Nances, & Ransom.

Robert and Eliza Branch Taylor became the parents of thirteen children:

- 1. Sally Taylor (5 Jan. 1807-18 Dec. 1887) married 16 Nov. 1825, Christopher Brooks. There were seven Brooks children: Ann, William, Elisha, Molly, Martha, James, Christopher.
- 2. Benjamin Branch Taylor (4 Dec. 1808-11 July 1889), first married 7 Dec. 1837 in Williamson Co., Minerva Ann Elam. There were eight children:

 - a. Ariadne Taylor, b. 7 Nov. 1838, died at 18 months. b. Harrison Taylor, (7 Nov. 1840-1 Dec. 1864), was a Confederate soldier killed at Franklin.
- c. Edward Elam Taylor (20 Mar. 1843-Ca. 1923), married 15 Oct. 1865, Sue Hendrix, went to Knox Co., TX (Confederate veteran).
- d. Eleanora Taylor (5 July 1845-11 Dec. married 18 Aug. 1870, William E. Campbell
- e. Benjamin Samuel Taylor (29 July 1847-19 Apr. 1924), Confederate veteran, married Fanny Stulz who died, lived in Runnels Co., TX, married second, Fanny Biles of McKenzie, TN
- f. John Theophilus Taylor (1 Apr. 1850-14 Feb. 1909), married April 1876, Tennie Poplin. They had 7 children:
- (1) Alf Poplin Taylor (27 Jan. 1877-1920), twin of Benjamin
- (2) Benjamin B. Taylor, b. 27 Jan. 1877, twin of Alf, married first Annie Lytle Burns on 3 Dec. 1900, had one child Elaine, who married Will Landers. The Landers had one child, Lytle Landers. Benjamin B. married second, Margaret Hartman, 14 Jan. 1908. They had three children:
- (a) Mary Taylor married Willie Kelly and had 6 children: Billy Kelly who was killed in Korea, Bobby Kelly, Ben Kelly, Margaret Kelly, George Kelly, and Leslie salural balanca Kelly
- (b) Delle Taylor, the first recipient of the Ellen Ransom scholarship, married Wilbur Hodge and had two children: Emily Dell Hodge and Taylor Hodge.

(c) Benjamin B. Taylor, Jr., died in infancy.

Benjamin B. Taylor's third marriage was to

Emma Taylor.

(3) William E. (Bill) Taylor, married 3 Dec. 1904, Minnie Maxwell. They had three children:

(a) Robert Taylor died in his 20's

- Cecil Taylor, married Mary Lee Comer and (b) had two children: William E. Taylor married 14 Aug. 1956, Jane Foil, Concord, N.C.; Marie Taylor married 1 Dec. 1951; Ben J. Powell
- (c) Alf Poplin Taylor, married Altie Blanton and had 7 children: Bonnie Lou Taylor, Josephine Taylor, Alf Poplin Taylor, Jr., Jean Taylor, Walter Taylor, Peggy Taylor, Judy Leah Taylor.

(4) Robert Taylor, who died young

(5) Patrick C. Taylor, who died Ca. 1931-32

(6) John Rushing Taylor, born 1894, married Audrey Jackson. They had one child, J. Rush Taylor, Jr., who married Sarah Elrod and had one son, Johnny Taylor.

(030) (7) Frank Ivan Taylor, b. 1 Apr. 1898, married

Magnes Puckett. They had 3 children:

(a) Ruth Allen Taylor, b. 28 Mar. 1919, married Avery Bell and had 2 children:

Rebecca Lou Bell, Nancy Jane Bell
(b) Died in infancy
(c) Herman Puckett Taylor, married Joyce Alexander Lowe, her second. She already had 2 children

g. Minerva Elizabeth Taylor, married Francis Marion (Frank) Carlton, of Rockvale. (See Frank Carlton

family).

- family). h. Dixie Oscar Taylor (a son), (3 Aug. 1859-21 Apr. 1934), went to Texas early in life where he was twice married and had five children. During his declining years, he returned alone to Rockvale, TN to make his home with his sister Betty Taylor Carlton. Later Oscar barbered in Rockvale, returned to Texas a short time, and still later lived with his nephew, Alf Taylor and wife until death.
- 3. Martha Ann Taylor, b. 13 Sept. 1810 (no other record).

4. Thomas Taylor III, b. 6 Sept. 1812, married Louisa Lamb, moved to Henry Co., TN.

5. Grizzly Taylor, b. 6 June 1814, married John Jordan (no other record).

- 6. Robert Taylor, b. 24 Mar. 1816, married Phoebe Cheatham, moved to Weakley Co., TN.
- 7. Eliza Taylor, b. 25 Nov. 1817, married William C. White, lived in Rutherford Co.
- 8. Julia Wilmoth Taylor, b. 16 Feb. 1820, married John Sharber, moved to Kentucky.
- 9. James Marrow Taylor, b. 3 Jan. 1822, married Jeanette Jackson (no other record)
- 10. Frances Taylor, b. 15 Nov. 1823, married Joseph Brooks (no other record)
- 11. John Joseph Taylor, b. 21 Aug. 1826 (no marriage record)
- 12. Maria Amand Taylor, b. 5 Feb. 1828, married John Nunn, moved to Texas
- 13. William Carol Taylor, b. 6 Nov. 1830, married 3 Sept. 1860, in Rutherford Co., Martha Jane White. They had ten children:
- a. James Thomas Taylor married 18 Apr. 1895, Susie Lou Davis. They lived first on Bumper Hill-Rover area, then in Eagleville where Freeland Jackson last lived, and beginning in 1909 in Rover. James Thomas and Susie Lou Davis Taylor had eleven children, seven now living. These were Ira H. Taylor (deceased); Allie Pearl Taylor (deceased); John Holland Taylor (deceased); Lizzie Alma Taylor; Jim Wilkie Taylor married Mary E. Steagall; Ella Taylor; Fred Nance Taylor married May Bennett; Mary Glen Taylor (deceased); Fannie Ruth Taylor; Wilkie White Taylor; and Gene Clyde Taylor. All seven living have families except Ella and Gene. All are well known in the Versailles-Rover-Eagleville area.
- b. Dora Taylor married Wood Cothran
- c. Robert Vincent Taylor married Mary R. Puckett
- d. Jack P. Taylor
- e. Sam Henry Taylor married "Dink" Hudson and is father of Pope and Alene Taylor
- f. Matilda Taylor married Wilkie Vaughn
- f. Fanny Taylor married Monroe Ralston
- g. Lizzie Taylor
- h. Annie Taylor married __ ? Bumpas
 - i. Emma Taylor

THE JAMES TAYLOR FAMILY By William Eris Read

The James Taylor Family is of English descent. Their known history in America goes back to Virginia about 1765-70. The first couple in the Tenth District of Rutherford County was James and Elizabeth White Taylor. They moved from Virginia by way of North Carolina and Kentucky; most of the journey made by ox-cart. James did not like Kentucky, so he sent his older sons to seek out a good location in Middle Tennessee. The exact date of settlement is not known. However, their son, Vincent, married Charles Puckett's daughter, Mary, in 1820. Charles Puckett was established in this area before 1820, but the homeplace of James and Elizabeth is unknown. They lived either between Concord and Puckett's Store in the Tenth District or on the Tom Lee Taylor place in the Eighth District.

James and Elizabeth had eight children:

Vincent Taylor (1797-1861) married three times: Mary R. Puckett, Margaret Cheatham, Tabitha Cary. (See further). Cullen Taylor (1809-1868) married Sarah M. Landrum

(1812-1887). Their 4 children:

- Franklin Lafayette Taylor, b. 1838, married Virginia Tennessee Jordan, b. 1857. They had ten children:
- (1) W. Cullen Taylor, b. 1879

(2) Joe R. Taylor, b. 1881

- (3) James "Jim" Bell Taylor (1883-1940) married Gertrude Elmore, daughter of Henry Newton and Mary Frances Allison Elmore. Their three children: Ruth Taylor, who married Leslie Sharber. Fanny Adelade (1916) and son (1918) both died in infancy. Jim Bell Taylor's second wife was Mary Frances "Fanny" Powers (1882-1974), daughter of John William and Catherine Luvenia Taylor Powers, who was his fourth cousin. Their issue was one son born and died the same day. James Bell Taylor operated a grocery store in Eagleville for many years and was a member of the county . court from the Eight District.
 - Clarence E. Taylor, b. 1885 (4)

(5) Betty Taylor (1887-1982)

- Mary Adalade Taylor, b. 1889 (6)
- (7) Annie G. Taylor, b. 1892
- (8) Thomas J. Taylor, b. 1894
- (9) Virginia T. Taylor, b. 1897
- (10) Frank Taylor, b. 1900
- James Meriman Taylor, b. 1841

c. John Bill Taylor, b. 1845

Elizabeth Taylor, b. 1843, married a Haynes.

Thomas L. Taylor (1812-1876) married Louisa Pate. They 3. had one daughter, Louisa Taylor, who first married a

Marable and then married a counsin, Will Taylor. Esquire William "Billy" Taylor married twice. The name of his first wife is unknown. His second wife was Clary ? . Esquire Billy had one son, Tommie Taylor, who married a Tarpley. Esquire Billy lived to be ninety years old.

. Nancy Taylor married "Swamp" Billy Taylor (no relation). They had seven children: Joseph Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Stafford Taylor, James Taylor, George Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor married a Jackson, Mary Ann Taylor married a

Sutton.

Vincent Taylor

Vincent Taylor (1797-1861), was born in North Carolina, the first child of James and Elizabeth White Taylor. He first married Mary R. Puckett (1802-1845), daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth Akin Puckett. Their eleven children were:

- 1. James P. Taylor (1821-1880) married Margaret A. Ransom. Five children:
 - C. N. Taylor (1850-1933), a native of Bedford County, is listed in Goodspeed's History of Tennessee. He married Mary C. Wood, daughter of Johnson W. and Louisa Jordan Wood. C. N. and Mary had two children, Annie R. Taylor and John W. Taylor.

William V. Taylor (1853-1880)

- Infant daughter (1855) C.
- d. John Henry Taylor (1857-1862) e. Emma F. Taylor (1859-1937)

Elizabeth A. Taylor (1823-1876) married Francis Frank

S. Brown (See William Brown family).

- 3. Charles P. Taylor (1825-1909) married Elizabeth K. Ransom (1827-1885). To this union ten children were born:
 - a. James P. Taylor (1849-1850) b. John H. Taylor (1851-1853)

 - c. Isabell T. Taylor (1855-1859)
 - Artimina Taylor, b. 1856 d.
 - e. Liza J. Taylor, b. 1859
 - f. Charles Taylor, b. 1862
 - Sidney Taylor, b. 1864 g.
 - h. Infant son, b. & d. March 1866
 - i. Emma C. Taylor, b. 1868

- j. Della K. Taylor (1869-1907) Charles P. Taylor mannial Charles P. Taylor married a second time to Mary A. ? (1837-1907). Charles P. Taylor was a Confederate soldier.
- Nancy Jane Taylor (1828-1852) did not marry.
- Nathaniel Rufus Taylor (1830-1888) married Margaret Ann Brown (1826-1914). (See the William Brown family). (Also see further in this family history).
 Amanda E. Taylor (1832-1894) married Samuel M. Brown.

(See William Brown family).

- William C. Taylor (1836-1907) married Martha Jane White (1841-1896), daughter of William and Eliza White. Their ten children were:
 - William F. Taylor (1861-1862) a.
 - Emma Taylor, b. 1866 b.
 - Amanda Taylor, b. 1869 C.
 - John Taylor, b. 1870 d.
 - Robert Taylor, b. 1872 e.

 - James Taylor, b. 1875 Elizabeth Taylor, b. 1877 g.
 - Mary Taylor, b. 1879 h.
 - Sam Taylor, b. 1882 i.
 - Fannia Taylor, b. 1884 j.
- Mary Frances Taylor (1838-1890) married James H. Cole
- Henry Vincent Taylor (1841-1882) married Cornelia J. 9.
 - ? . Their children were:
 - a.
 - Mary Taylor, b. 1865 Alconda Taylor, b. 1867 b.
- b. Alconda Taylor, b. 1867
 c. Vinson W. Taylor, b. 1869
 d. Margaret Taylor, b. 1875
 e. Edney W. Taylor, b. 1873
 f. Martha C. Taylor, b. 1880
 Martha Emiline Taylor (1842-1857) 10.
- Margaret C. Taylor, b. 1843, married L. H. Ned Floyd. 11. They had three children, one of whom was Charley Floyd, born in August 1876

Vincent Taylor's second wife was Mary Margaret (1816-1849), daughter of Dr. William and Mary Cheatham Cheatham. To this union one daughter was born:

Phoebe Matilda Taylor (1849-1877) married Gardner 12. Batts. They had at least two sons: Henry Oscar Batts, Ephraim Gordon Batts. One daughter may have survived.

Vincent Taylor's third wife was Tabitha Cary (1800-1853). They were married 17 June 1850.

Vincent Taylor owned land on both sides of the Mt. Road located about one mile from the Baptist church. The first home for the family was a cedar log cabin with an upper room, probably built in the 1820's. Later, a second cabin, similar to the first, was erected nearby. The two cabins did not face the present Mt. Pleasant Road, but faced west toward a road which at that time, ran between the Taylor farm and the Read farm. Still later, the two cabins were reversed to face north and the Columbia Turnpike (Mt. Pleasant Road). A "dog-trot" between the cabins was soon enclosed making a house with two large rooms and a hall on lower floor and two rooms on the upper floor. A fireplace was built at each end of the house and a stairway in each of the lower rooms led to the room above. One upstairs room was designated for the boys and the other for the girls, as was the custom of that day. In the years following, additional rooms of frame-type construction were added to the rear of the house and the logs were covered with weatherboards. This house and part of the Vincent Taylor farm is presently owned by Vincent Taylor's greatgreat-granddaughter, Mary Crick and her son, Ronnie, who are restoring the log section of the house, at least 150-155 years old. Ronnie married Betty Goad.

Vincent Taylor was the Church Clerk of the Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church for many years prior to his death in 1861. He had three slaves whom he considered members of his family and referred to them as "my Negro boy, Nelson, and my Negro girl, Violet, and her child, George" in his will. Provision was made in the will that they remain in the family, but what happened to them after the War is not known. Vincent Taylor was buried beside his three wives in the family cemetery located on his farm. An inscription on his tombstone reads, "He died in his right mind."

Nathaniel Rufus Taylor

The marriage of Nathaniel Rufus Taylor (son of Vincent and Mary R. Puckett Taylor) and Margaret Ann Brown Taylor produced four children:

- 1. Vincent F. Taylor (1857-1861)
- 2. Nancy J. Taylor (1858-1861)
- 3. Catherine "Kitty" Luvenia Taylor (1859-1922) married John William Powers, son of George Washington and Sarah Ann Street Powers (See the Powers family).
- 4. Mary P. Taylor (1862-1941) married Benjamin H. Lamb, son of William Martin "Kelly" and Temperance Pope Lamb. Their eight children: Maggie, Alice, Vera, Nathaniel (Nat) W., Hardie, Cora, Ellis, Thommie.

Nathaniel Rufus and Margaret Ann Brown Taylor reared two orphan children, Will Turner and his half-sister, Kitty Smotherman.

Nathaniel Rufus Taylor was a Confederate soldier. During the Battle of Stones River, he came home through the Federal lines. The family sent someone as a lookout to Brady Knob to watch for the Yankees, should they come from that direction. The enemy soldiers did come looking for Nathaniel, but the lookout warned the family and Nathaniel hid in the "Dark Cave" located on their farm. Nathaniel could hear the hoof-beats of the horses as they passed near the Cave. After searching for several hours, the Federal soldiers left.

COL. C. D. VENABLE, C.S.A. Information taken from Richard Ransom record and from Cemetery records

Thanks to Richard Ransom, son of Richard Ransom and Elizabeth Snell, information about Col. Venable was preserved by letter to Archives dated 14 August 1890.

While General Braggs Army was camped at Murfreesboro, TN, Dec. 1862, Col. Venable, together with about six officers including one surgeon, left the army under orders to go to West Tennessee and seek recruits for their command. Col. Venable's home was in Henry County and he was a member of the 24th Tenn. Infantry Regiment in Strahl's Brigade. Saturday in the Christmas week, the detail proceeded to Versailles, 12 miles southwest of Murfreesboro, where they stopped overnight with Richard Ransom's mother, then Elizabeth Snell Ransom Covington. Col. Venable complained of not feeling well, suddenly became worse, and died about 10:00 p.m. that night, presumeably of pneumonia or heart attack.

He was buried by his comrades the next day, Sunday, assisted by members of Mrs. Covington's family, in what is now known as Ransom Cemetery in Versailles. Col. Venable is believed to be the first to be buried in the cemetery. In 1890, Mrs. Covington was in her 81st year and was personally seeing that the graveyard received appropriate care as a number of her family members were buried there by that time. A few negroes were buried near the cemetery but remain unnamed due to the attitudes of the times. B. B. Taylor of the Versailles neighborhood placed a stone slab marking Col. Venable's grave.

Richard Ransom stated that he knew Col. Venable personally, as he was also a member of the 24th Tenn. Infantry, brigaded with his Regiment, and knew that he was a popular officer of Strahl's Brigade.

NOTE: [A Union soldier, John Bell Taylor (7 Jan. 1845-11 May 1864), son of J. C. and Sarah M. Taylor, whose death occurred in service, is also buried in the Versailles area near Concord in the Covington Cemetery.]

THE WHITUS FAMILY By Ruby Whitus Thrasher

Robert Lafayette Whitus (11 Dec. 1842-19 1924), son of James L. Whitus and Mary Jane McCoy, was known as Bob Whitus. He fought in the War between the States as a Confederate soldier, having enlisted 30 May 1861, enrolled for duty and mustered in 24 Aug. 1861 with Company A. 24th Tennessee Infantry. He served under Col. R. D. Allison and Captain John C. Jackson and was promoted to corporal, 1 July 1863. Bob Whitus took part in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chicamauga, Missionary Ridge and all the battles from Dalton, Ga. to Atlanta. He was never wounded but was taken prisoner 7 Aug. 1864 by Union forces under Major General W. T. Sherman and placed in military prison at Louisville, KY, later transferred to Camp Chase, Ohio, 16 Aug. 1864, where he remained until 12 May 1865. There he took the oath of allegiance to the United States and returned 18 May 1865 on foot to his farm home on the now Whitus Road. Bob Whitus and Tom Garrett spent many hours during their later years in the early nineteen hundreds discussing Confederate Army service under the big oak tree in front of the Versailles store, and always had a listening audience of children born after 1900.

Bob Whitus married Julia Ann Carlton, b. 17 Jan. 1844, one of nine brothers and sisters, of which Minos B. Carlton, b. 5 May 1855, was the youngest and was the spouse of Tabitha Nance. Bob and Mary Jane had three children:

- 1. Mattie Whitus who married Wash Comer
- 2. Mary Jane Whitus who married Rollie Holden
- 3. Thomas Robert Whitus (28 Jan. 1874-22 Jan. 1963) married 31 July 1902, Nannie Lee Christopher. They continued to reside on his father's farm until Nannie Lee's death in 1955. He was so torn apart by her death that he never spent another night there, but went to live first with his son in El Paso, TX and later his daughter in Scaramento, CA, where he expired. He is buried with his wife in the Christopher Plot in Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro. Tom was a member and Past Master of Rockvale Lodge F & AM; a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Rockvale and served as Elder and

Sunday School teacher for many years beginning in 1910; was District Manager of the Red Cross during World War I; served as county road commissioner for several years. He was also a magistrate in the Rutherford County Court for a number of years representing the Tenth District. From 1922-24 he served as Judge in the Rutherford County Court. Tom's interest and efforts appeared more toward civic affairs than farming although he raised his family on the farm.

Thomas Robert Whitus and Nannie Lee Christopher had two children:

- a. Ruby Whitus, b. 28 Mar. 1904, first married 7 Nov. 1925, Vernon Robert Chumbley. Prior to their divorce, 9 Feb. 1932, their only child, Grace Lee Chumbley, was born 27 April 1930. Ruby Whitus later married 3 Mar. 1932, Albert N. Thrasher, moved to the Sacramento, CA area and continued to live there after his death. Ruby and Albert Thrasher had two children: Thomas Albert Thrasher, b. 19 Jan. 1934; Robert Carey Thrasher, b. 20 June 1936
- b. Robert Henry Whitus (3 Aug. 1911-21 Mar. 1960)
 married 27 Mar. 1932, Mary Eunice North. Robert
 had the ambition of his grandfather, Bob Whitus.
 He joined the National Guard in the early 1930's,
 was taken into the army with his unit at the start
 of World War II, served in Germany, Japan and
 Korea followed with service in Alabama, Panama and
 Long Island. He attained a Colonel's rank and died
 on Monday morning on way to his office in El Paso,
 TX. Robert and Mary Eunice have two children:
 Robert Theadric Whitus, b. 14 June 1937; Nancy
 Diane Whitus, b. 24 Nov. 1946. Both have families
 and both live near their mother at present in El
 Paso, Texas.

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Mary Jane Whiting who married Rollie Holden

By Houston Brown, Jimmie D. Hale, Spence Bible and other family members

James David Williams, born 1758, in Scotland, died 1833, in Bedford Co., TN, immigrated to Virginia in 1766, in care of a German couple, and is the ancestor of most of the Versailles and Tenth District Williams of Rutherford Co., TN. Unless the Rev. James Williams and brother, Joseph Williams families tie together prior to immigration, James David Williams is not related, as James David immigrated much later than these two families.

James David Williams' known children, all born in

VA, were:

- Nancy Williams, born 1790, married John G. Smotherman, born 1785.
- William Benjamin Williams, Sr., born 1786, first thought 2. to have married Stacey George from London, next married Nancy Manley on 7 Jan. 1810. These children will be taken up later.

Enoch Williams, no further information. 3.

Mary Williams, married Lewis Smotherman (1793-1865) 4.

Benjamin Williams, Sr., son of James David Williams, and Nancy Manly had three known children:

James (Jimmie) Granderson Williams, born in Brunswick Co., VA, in 1812, married 11 June 1836, Phoebe Spence (7 1820-7 Mar. 1897). Their children were: Ada, Elizabeth Jane, Nannie, William Nelson and Enoch. Enoch was killed in Civil War and buried in Marietta, GA.

William (Billie) williams, born 1813 in VA, married 3 2. Mar. 1836, Levesta (Nesty) _____, born 1821, and lived west of Midland.

- Benjamin Williams, Jr. (3 Apr. 1827-1901), married 21 Sept. 1846, Mary C. Smotherman (29 Oct. 1830-1874), 3. daughter of Samuel Smotherman and Levina Aldridge. The thirteen known children were:
 - John A. Williams, b. 11 Dec. 1847, married Arnie Spence, had two children, Charlie and Pearlie, and was the Midland store merchant after first starting a store at Link.
 - Mary V. Williams, b. 22 June 1850, married John Bell Williams, her first cousin, and had seven children:
 - Charles Houston Williams (Tom & (1) Williams' father).
 - Will Williams (Richard A. (Dickey) Williams' father). (See Carlton family).
 Ben O. Williams operated store in rural
 - (3) Bedford Co. at Pottsville.

Edgar L. Williams, a preacher. (4)

- Andrew Williams, married Willie White, a (5) relative of the College Grove Whites.
- Virgie Williams married Will Frasier and (6) three more times after Will Frasier's death. Among the Frasier children are: Floyd, Willa, Bessie and Nettie. Bessie is Nathan and W. R. Covington's mother. (See Covington family). Nettie is R. A. (Dickie) Williams' first wife and Willie Floyd Williams' mother. (7) Johnie Williams

- c. David E. Williams, married Marcie Williams, his first cousin, and moved to Texas.
- d. Nancy E. Williams, born 19 Dec. 1853, married Bud Smotherman. Their children:
 - (1) Mary Smotherman married Billy Westbrooks
- (2) Martha Smotherman married Walden Lamb
- (3) Alice Smotherman married Greely Smotherman
- (4) Dave Smotherman
 - (5) Palmer Smotherman married Lissie Holden
 - (6) Candace Smotherman married Jape Morton
- e. James M. Williams, b. 6 Sept. 1855, married Safronia Turner and had issue: B. Williams; Daisy Williams, Eunice Stacy Williams (Anita Holden Nance's grandmother) married Knox Hutchinson; Clay Williams and Clifford Williams. James M. Williams married a second and third time.
- f. Lucinda C. williams, b. 24 Jan. 1858, first married Charley Crear and had issue: Caroline Crear. Lucinda next married John A. Carlton, his second, and had seven children (see the John A. Carlton family).
- g. Benjamin F. Williams first married Daisy Bowman and had issue: Mamie and Alvin Williams. Benjamin next married Maggie Card and their child is Annie Ruth Williams.
- h. Melisa E. Williams married Henry Heath. Their children are Martha Jean Heath, Fronie Heath and Annie Heath.
- i. Martha J. Williams married King Heath.
- j. William (Bill) Houston Williams (11 May 1866-15 Jan. 1845), married 7 Nov. 1887, Ida Novella Wright (20 Feb. 1867-6 Mar. 1942) of Nashville, who had been a visitor in the Charlie Gordon home near Christiana. Although Ida Wright had not been reared on a farm, she quickly adjusted to farm life. The first home of Bill and Ida Williams was in the Link-Christiana community. They became the parents of nine children, eight of whom reached adulthood.
 - (1) Novella Williams married Ed allen.
- (2) Emmett Williams married first, Willie Robinson with issue: Robert Williams; married second, Bess Maxwell.
- (3) Buford Williams married Effie McGee. Issue 5 children: Margaret Williams married Herbert Bowling; James Williams; Russell Williams; Williams; Buford Donnell Williams.
- (4) Leila Williams married Frank Brown. 8 children: Lorene Brown, Polly Brown, Houston Brown, Ida Brown, Clara Belle Brown, Virginia Brown, Jim Brown, Homer Brown.

(5) Blanton Williams married Irene Comer. 4 children: Grace Williams, Martha Williams, Louis Williams, Betty Williams.

(6) Mary Williams married Joe Leathers. 2 chil-

dren: Edna Leathers and Ruth Leathers.

(7) Julia Williams married Robert Hayes. 5 children: William Hayes, Eugene Hayes, Frank Hayes, Dorris Hayes, Ruth Joy Hayes.

(8) Clara Williams first married, Jack Holden. 2 children: one died an infant, the other, Jack Holden, Jr., is now President of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Co. Clara's second marriage was to Samuel Black Wade.

Around 1894 Bill and Ida Williams bought a home and farm of their own. This farm is located about one half mile of Versailles on the left side of Longview Pike as one travels south. This farm joins the Nance property and is still called the "Bill Williams Farm", although the comfortable home has been consumed by fire.

During 1917 Bill Williams was instrumental in helping establish the Rutherford County Cooperative Creamery in Murfreesboro. This business is still thriving today (1982) and noted for its top quality Magnolia butter and for various kinds of cheese.

Bill Williams, at one time, was said to own more land in Rutherford County than any other land-owner, although not the biggest tax payer. Near the end of his life, as he watched his extensive farming and dairying interests, he gave to each of his eight children a hundred dollar bill for a Christmas present. Before his death he gave the homeplace to his wife and a farm to each of his eight children, all located within the Tenth Civil District of Rutherford County.

k. Laura N. Williams first married Charley David and second, Wood Cothran (see Cothran family).

1. Julia S. Williams

m. Alfred B. Williams married Alice Gentry and had three children: Earnest Williams married Flora Wright; West Williams married Kitty Carlton (see Carlton family); and Jim T. Williams married Mary Holden.

WESTBROOKS FAMILY By Hollis Westbrooks

williams, Martha Williams,

Served four terms as Mayor of Murfreesboro.

William Westbrooks was born in England in the year 1801. He came to America as a stow-a-way passenger on a ship, settling at Alexandria, Verginia where he worked at the tailoring profession.

He was married to Nancy Murray, the daughter of a well-to-do planter of Albemarle County in 1825 and continued to live there until about the year 1840 when differences between him and his father-in-law caused him to pull up stakes and migrate to the State of Alabama where he spent an undetermined amount of time before settling in Middle Tennessee somewhere in the vicinity of Versailles.

He is known to have been the toll-gate keeper some three miles down the pike from Rockvale leading in the direction of Murfreesboro. After that he lived in a house located on the farm later known as the Tom Whitus place, where he was living at the time of his death. He, his wife Nancy, and a daughter were buried across the road from where they lived, in an old graveyard on the back side of what was known as the Dolly Comer place. Their graves were marked with plain field stones and cannot be identified.

William Calvin Westbrooks, son of William and Nancy Murray Westbrooks was born in Virginia, 26 Aug. 1835. After coming to Tennessee he lived in an old log house located on the back side of the Tom Garrett place. The house faced the road on which the King Heath Hill was located. This road was the first to lead towards Link after leaving Versailles and went through the out-side-woods north of the village.

He was a farmer, magistrate and preacher and at one time conducted a community subscription school in a little log cabin about a hundred yards north of the Old Leb Church. He was first married to Julia Smotherman, a sister of the well-known Isom Green Smotherman. She died in 1878 and he married Nancy Smotherman, a widow, in 1881.

Politically he was a Republican and at one time was appointed to serve as postmaster of Versailles. The store in which the post office was located was owned and operated by John Nance who was a staunch Democrat. Mr. Nance was having some difficulty getting a Republican administration to appoint him when Westbrooks applied and received the appointment. Immediately after receiving the appointment he

turned all the responsibilities over to his friend Nance.

He preached for many years in what was then known as the Christian Church. He was instrumental in the establishment of the church in two locations. One was known as Old Mount Zion and the other as New Zion which stands to this day. The name was changed from Christian to Church of Christ in the early years of the twentieth century.

He died 16 Nov. 1893 and was buried in a field which he owned about half way between Old Leb Church and Link Store; this became the Westbrooks Graveyard following his being placed there.

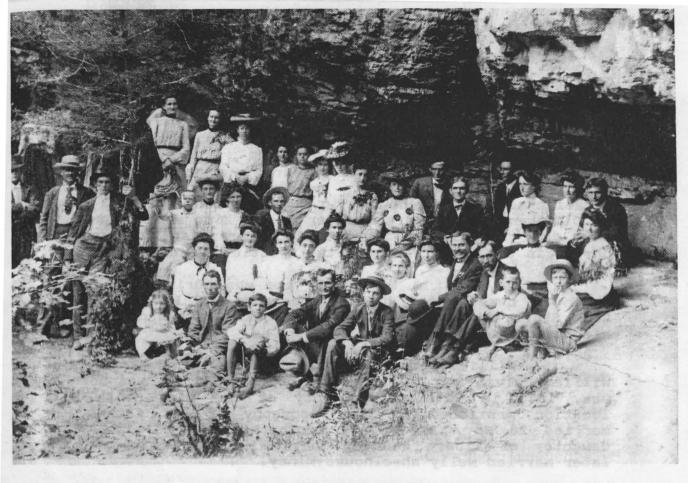
William Franklin (Billy) Westbrooks, son of William Calvin and Julia Smotherman Westbrooks, was born 23 Oct. 1870 in Rutherford County at the King Heath Hill location mentioned in the biography of his father. He married 28 Nov. 1894, Mary Smotherman (d. 1 Mar. 1931), daughter of Elbert and Elizabeth Williams Smotherman. He later married Nelly Wheelhouse Mincy.

His entire life was spent in the Link community and he never lived more than a mile distance from Old Leb Church. He was a farmer and carpenter, owning a small farm just north of the church. In addition to farming his own land he also tilled and managed that of his brother, John, who was the merchant at Link for thirty years.

Politically he was a Republican in national politics but maintained an independent position in State and local affairs. He served the Fourteenth District as a member of the Rutherford County Court from 1930 to 1946. He also served for some time as deputy Road Commissioner and as Tax Assessor.

He was a member of the Christian Church until the name was changed. He was a son leader in the community and led the singing at New Zion Church for many years. He was also much in demand for that position in many of the protracted meetings which usually took place during the light nights of August just after the crops were laid-by.

He died 1 Mar. 1946, and was buried in the Westbrooks Graveyard at Link.



Picture made in Cave opening.

Far left: ? , ? , Bill White Back row: Molly Whitehead, Josie Whitehead, Molly Jackson, Betty White, Mary Garrett, _? _, ? , Cora Jackson, Fannie Robinson, Neri Lowe, Dr. John Garrett, Edgar Hutchinson, Ruth Jackson, Evie Joe Christopher, Limmie Dick Smotherman Second row from top: ? , Rebecca Coop, Sally Garrett, Will Steagall, Susie Steagall, Ruth McCullough, Beulah Barnes Second row from bottom: ? , Bertha Lamb, Allie Hutchinson, Addie Hale, Betty White, May Christopher, Mary Nance, Will Garrett, ? , ? , Lester Jackson Front row: Virginia Jackson, Charlie Holden, Justin Hale, Hatton Whitehead, Charlie Hale

THE SNAIL SHELL CAVE

The Snail Shell Cave Road has been mentioned many times in this narrative. The Snail Shell Cave is fairly large and well known by the local residents. Sinking beside and below the road by this name, the cave is located a short distance past the Farris sawmill complex and off to the right. The entrance follows the same circular pattern as

does a snail in entering its shell. The cave has never been improved and still lies in its natural beauty with a high rock wall on one side, a gradual slope opposite, and a circular natural rock descent. An underground stream and cavern connects with a smaller cave known as the Nannie Cave several miles distant. For many years this was a place of social gathering and picnic spot for groups of the young and venturesome. Numerous group pictures were taken. Efforts to commercialize have been unsuccessful. During some of the years in the 1920's and 1930's the entire student body of the Rockvale School would visit this cave on the first day of April without permission.

CEMETERIES IN THE TENTH DISTRICT Taken from cemetery records and field trips.

Most known cemeteries in the Tenth District have been located and published by the Rutherford County Historical Society. The book is Volume 3, Rutherford County, Tennessee Cemetery Records, and is available for purchase, or for reference, from the Society. The graves are laid out in the record in the same manner in which each lay in the cemetery. This includes all tombstone inscriptions that were legible at the time. Unmarked graves also are so placed. The Tenth District Cemeteries and a few adjacent ones are:

No.	Family Name	No.	Family Name	No.	Family Name
6	Bennett	72	Jackson	141	Smith
15	Burns	73	Jackson	143	Smotherman
19	Carlton	74	Jackson Ridge	151	Spence
20	Carlton	76	Jarrett	153	Steagall
26	Cocke	86	Lamb To ETHEOTERS VIRAS	155	Taylor
27	Comer	90	Love	156	Taylor
28	Comer	95	Manire	157	Taylor
29	Covington	96	Manning	160	Tucker
35	Dyer	110	Mt. Pleasant Church	164	Wade
37	Farris	112	Nance	172	Webb
60	Haynes	128	Ralston	175	Westbrooks
65	Hudson	131	Reed Tables Wilder	176	White
69	Jackson	135	Rowland Hill	178	Whitworth
70	Jackson	139	Scott separate a series	190	Woodfin
71	Jackson	140	Sharber		

Other cemeteries not yet listed in an amendment to the Records: Ransom Cemetery near Versailles store, Kingdom Church Cemetery, Nance Cemetery between Rover and Unionville. Unmarked graves on "graveyard hill" and Indian burial ground in a field on John Nance land, hill graves west of Putnam Well, Rock Springs Church Cemetery. owned and operate- 11-228 -11-digning machine, At

LAND OWNERS - 1870

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From Beers 1878 map of Rutherford County taken from the 1870 census.

Land owners in 1870 - Tenth District bearing northwest - counter-clockwise around Versailles as nucleus.

Mrs. M. Simmons	J. Mangrum	W. Carlton
I.P. Burns	D. Heath	E.M. Spence
T.L. Hendricks	W. Heath	J.H. Castleman
W.J. Simmons	H. Haynes	Rowland
B.B. Taylor	F.A. Ark	G. Comer
N.R. Jackson	W.M. Lamb	Featherston
J. Neely	T. Smotherman	
W. Hass	J.F. Stem	Mrs. M. Carlton
B.P. Harris	H. Smotherman	Mrs. Watson
R.W. Farris	A.P. McClaran	
C.B. Farris	C.R. Williams	
J. Jones	James Woodson Nance	
W.C. White	T.W. Garrett	J.M. Smith
Dr. A.W. Manier		W. Featherstone
S.H. Beasley		S. Hendricks
J.N. Puckett	Mrs. Elizabeth Covington	
R. Reed	John Woods Nance	
T. Carlton	F.L. Jordon	J. Underwood
N. Taylor	R. Comer	F. Love
T. Johnson	T. Jackson	
D.C. Manier	Smotherman	Dr. E.T. Grey
J. Cole	T. Smotherman	J.J. Finn
Mrs. Cole	T. Walls	J. Smotherman
Mrs. Lawrence	74 Jackson Ridge	modTess) Or

OTHER EARLY RESIDENTS OF THE TENTH DISTRICT Compiled by Carmine Jackson

This chapter mentions some early residents of the area not previously detailed and for which no family history was obtained.

One of the early settlers in the Rockvale area was Bob Featherstone, a land owner in 1870. He and his sister, Mary Jane, lived abut a hundred yards beyond the store on the left side of the road as one travels west. Horace Hendricks has remodeled this house and lives there today.

Another early Rockvale resident was George Comer, who married Dolly McClaran. They made their home in a white, frame semi-colonial house located on the Versailles Road one-half mile south of the Rockvale Store. This site is now owned and occupied by Frank Cooper's brick home. George Comer owned and operated a well-digging machine. At that

time, bored wells were fast taking the place of the square, hand-dug wells. George and Dolly Comer became the parents of several children, all of whom died in infancy.

Jane Comer was an elderly lady left living alone in a log house about 200 yards south of Rockvale Store on the left side of the Versailles Road. This is the site of a new log house.

Littleton Whitehead and his wife, Elizabeth Boyd Whitehead, were prominent in Rockvale for many years. Their home stood close in the village within an easy stone's throw from the store and the present post office. Their family consisted of six daughters and five sons. The daughters were Anne, Josie, Mollie, Lula, Mattie, and Susie. Anne and Josie were expert with the needle; Mollie was the housekeeper; Lula became a teacher; Mattie married John Brannon; Susie married J. H. Bingham. Their sons were Will, Hatton, Henry, John and Sam. Sam married Elizabeth Puckett.

Martha Anne Taylor Winn, her son, Walter S. Winn, and his wife, Ella, lived in Versailles. In 1898, they moved to Rockvale and in 1906 they moved on to Murfreesboro.

Linnie C. Winn, sister of Walter Winn, married James Madison Maxwell in 1887. They made their home at Almaville. After the death of James M. Maxwell in December 1900, Linnie Winn Maxwell and her five children, Eula, Vera, Bess, Joe and Jimmie D. moved to Rockvale. They lived in the third house on the right after passing the store going west. Eula and Bess became teachers. Vera was employed by a Nashville Insurance Agency. Joe worked for a clothing store for fifty years. Jimmie D. married Justin C. Hale, Sr. (See William Carlton family).

Linnie Winn Maxwell married N.L. Brown in 1910. She drove the Star Mail Route for many years.

Sue Eugene Winn, a sister of Linnie Winn Maxwell Brown, married Newt.F. Lamb, 29 Jan. 1887. They made their home in the Versailles Community until 1903, then moved to Rockvale in the house now occupied by Alf Taylor. Later they moved to the farm located on the left side of Highway 99 near the Rockvale Church of Christ. Newt and Sue Winn Lamb became the parents of four children: Bertha, Blanche, Frank Earl and Josephine. Bertha married Aubrey Haynes of Murfreesboro. Their two children were Jean and Jack. Jean died young. Jack entered the medical profession and became a distinguished surgeon in Connecticut.

Katherine Halstead occupied the house before Newt and Sue Lamb. She was an expert weaver and many homes at Rockvale boasted beautiful hand-woven rag carpets.

The tall, two-story house which stands adjacent to the east side of the Rockvale School campus was built, 1910-1911, by Jasper Newton Martin. The Martin family consisted of Jasper Newton and Tabitha Frances Martin and eight children. While they were living on the Haunt Hollow Road beyond Mt. Pleasant church, Frances Martin was struck and killed by one of the first automobiles to travel in the Tenth District, 27 June 1910. Newton Martin built and moved into the house adjacent to the Rockvale School for the convenience of the eight children.

About 1902 Joe Manning and his wife, Betty Caseman Manning, came from Memphis and made their home adjacent to the Rockvale School on the west. Joe and Betty Manning became the parents of five children: Lizzie, Mary Lou, Charlie, John and Andrew. Andrew married Sallie Brothers. Their children were Bertha, Corrinne, Tennie Belle, Robert and Henry.

The John Bell Williams family lived in the last house on the left as one approaches Concord going west. John Bell Williams' daughter, Vergie, married W.R. (Cap) Frazier from Chattanooga. They lived in the Williams home while W.R. Frazier drove a school bus and served as Constable in the Tenth District. One of the Frazier daughters, Nettie, married Richard Williams. They became the parents of Willie Floyd Williams. The grandchildren of John Bell Williams were Oden, Tom, Albert, Houston. A great-grandson, Thurman Williams, lives in the Williams home today.

Henry and Adna Williams Turner came from Midland about 1895 to make their home at Rockvale. They bought the J.M. Smith farm opposite the Thompson Road and known as the Woodson Place. Henry Turner operated the Rockvale Store for a while. Members of the Turner family were: Vergie, Corrie, Repsie, Sadie, Addie Ruth, Henry and Ed.

John Sanders (Jack) Woodson married his brother, Robert's widow, Fannie Averitt Woodson. She had five children: Tom, Adelle, Lena, Estelle and Grady. Jack and Fannie had four children of their own: Pearl, Florine, Mary Frances and Sanders. They moved from the Thompson Road to the former Smith-Turner farm, in the present possession of Estelle Woodson Brown, widow of Charlie Brown.

Although the Tom and Fannie Holden family and

sons: Herbert, Horace, Cecil, Thomas and Rollie, lived a short distance east of the Tenth District, they were for a half century a faithful and devoted part of the Rockvale Community, especially the Presbyterian Church where Tom Holden directed the song service. Rollie, the only surviving family member owns and operates Holden Hardware in Murfreesboro.

Paul and Lucy Johns moved from their Thompson Road home to the Kenion Carlton place, the first house on the left as one travels down the Snail Shell Cave Road. Of their ten chidren only one, Jennie V., survives today. She lives in California.

Joseph Hutcherson's ancestors came from Scotland. Members of the Hutcherson family were Annie, Cassie, Rosie Lee, Billy and Lem. The daughters distinguished themselves as expert dressmakers. They lived at the Dr. Dykes place now known as the Henry Manning place.

Joshua Mangrum came to Tennessee from Mississippi about 1880. He married Fannie Hill, daughter of Obadiah Hill. Their son, Conard, married Martha Douglas, daughter of James W. and Frances Carlton Douglas, and became the parents of six children: Martha Frances, Kitty Mae, Conard, Jr., Gladys Irene, Margaret Ellen, and Frank Hill. This family distinguished itself in the community by plain living and high thinking. Truly, they "hitched their wagon to a star", determined to get an education against tremendous odds. They achieved success. After finishing high school, three of them went on to University and one entered the ministry. They are now widely scattered: Murfreesboro, Pulaski, Chicago, New York and Louisiana. All six hold positions of importance and reflect credit on the Tenth District of Rutherford Co.

John Stevens, with his wife and their son, "Boss", lived in the "old carriage house", a two-story, weather-beaten structure which stood near the Rockvale Store on the east. The original purpose of the "old carriage house" is not known, but it was still standing as late as 1911.

During the turn of the century, the first house on the right after crossing the creek that flows across the road on the western edge of the village of Rockvale, was owned and used by the Concord Methodist Church as a home or "parsonage" for the Pastor of the Concorn Methodist Church. Some of the early occupants (Pastors) of this parsonage were: J.C. Keathly (1900-1902), G.W. Blanton (1902-1903), Allen Miller (1903-1905), J.W. Swann (1905-1909-1913).

Across the road from the parsonage stood a house occupied by the Tom and Mary Elizabeth Waddey Sutton family. Their four children: Will, Sallie, Cora and Ewing. Tom and Will were carpenters and paper hangers. Sallie became a teacher, Cora married Will Steagall. In 1904 the Sutton family moved to Texas.

Jim Cabler and his wife, Sally Comer Cabler, lived in the house vacated by the Sutton family. Jim Cabler built and operated a store for about two years.

J.F. McGee, his wife, Maggie, and daughter, Effie Marie, came to Murfreesboro from the Chattanooga area and then on to Rockvale in 1911. They bought the Cabler property, turned the store around, and converted it into a residence still standing today. Effie McGee married Buford Williams. Alf Taylor recently purchased this place.

Living adjacent to the Whitehead home close in the village of Rockvale on the south, was John Lofton, who first married a member of the Carlton family. There was a daughter, Mamie, who married Jim Leathers, and a son, Fain. John Lofton's second marriage was to Anna Bess. They had one daughter, Lucille. After John Lofton's death, Anna Bess Lofton and Lucille moved to Whiteville, TN to live with Dr. and Mrs. Will Boyett.

Minos and Maggie Tucker lived near Concord where Charles Burns lives today. Minos Tucker was noted for breaking and controlling wild horses. There were three children: May Belle, Forrest, and Esker. All the family is now deceased except two children of Forrest, Wayne and Edwin Earl.

The Blake and Blaine Martin Giles family lived for a while at the John Maxwell home back of the concord Methodist Church. Their children were: Robbie, Mary, Henry, B.A. and Walter, who married Audrey Brannon and now lives in Versailles.

Continuing down the road past the Giles former home, now demolished, lived the Andy, Scott, Miss Queen McBride family. This family reared nieces and nephews by the name of Jackson: Horace, Alma, Neely, Clara Mai and Ellis.

The John McBride family was also among the early residents of the Rockvale-Concord area. For two years they rented and occupied the Frank Jackson home, during the Jackson family stay in Bell Buckle. Later the McBride family, which consisted of John and Amy Lou Sudberry McBride

and their 3 children: Jeff, Bob and Mattie. They lived in the John Covington house at Concord.

Sam Hill married Emogene Stewart. They became the parents of John Henry Hill, who married Eudora Smotherman, daughter of James Barton Smotherman. John Henry and Eudora made their home on the Thompson Road with a few years spent at the dolly Comer place, one-half mile south of Rockvale on the versailles Road. Their ten children were: Roberta, Emogene, Samuel, Thomas, Mary Irene, Louise, Cora Lee, John Jackson, James Barton and William Allen.

Joe Fuqua married Dee Hill, sister of John Henry Hill. They made their home on the Thompson Road. Their four children were: Sarah, Sam, Tillman and John.

There were two Simmons families living in the Tenth District. Lundy Harrison Simmons, commonly known as "Shinnex", married Kitty Belle Walls. Their 8 children: Dora Lou, Pearl, Eva, Tom Poplin, John Bob, Otis, Willie Belle and Sarah. They made their home on the Whitus Road.

El Simmons, brother of "Shinnex", married first Dora Rowland, daughter of Sam Rowland. They had two children who died quite young, victims of tuberculosis. El Simmons second marriage was to Sallie Overcast. Their four children: Jack, Mary Ella, Mary Sue and Austin Peay.

Jim Gray, son of Dr. E.T. Gray, married Nan Manning, daughter of Joe Manning. They made their home for many years in the house known as the John Bell Williams-Frazier place. Their children were Robert, moved to CA; Annie Lou, who married Eugene Mullins of Murfreesboro; Ellis, a prominent business man of Murfreesboro, cotton gin and feed store; Mai Gray, who married Boyd Zumbro of Murfreesboro.

John and Nine Epperson lived near Versailles at Bunker Hill. Their four sons were: Jim, John, Lee and Dick. Jim lived with the John (Cap) Nance family at Versailles while helping with the Nance sawmill. After a time, he moved to CA, where he again worked at a sawmill. He became entangled in a moving belt, was killed, and shipped back to Versailles for burial.

Columbus Underwood, commonly known as "Lum", was twice married; first to Missy West. Their children: Will, Jim, Lum, John, Ellis, Newt, Richard, Mary, Lilly. He married second, Josie Rowlett and had issue: Charlie, Will, Boose, Lum, Annie, Susie, Lousella. Susie married John Earl

Lynch. For eight years (1962-1970) they lived at Versailles on the Bob Jackson-Grady Adcock farm milking dairy cows.

L.P. Rowland (commonly known as "Pea") married Margaret Jenkins. They lived for a time in the house back of the Concord Store. Their children were Patty Belle, Annie Mai, Horace (Bud), Mary Farris (Bush), Avo and Harry.

Lea Rowland, with his wife and two children were killed in the tornado which struck Windrow in 1913.

Granville Rowland, his wife, Nancy, and their four children lived in the village of Rockvale, on the left side of the road two houses before reaching the present Church of Christ as one travels west. Their only daughter, Lytle, worked for a time in the office of the Rockvale Mutual Telephone Company. One of their sons, Tom, married Ada Richardson, the long-term Rockvale telephone operator. Tom and Ada had one child, Evie Lee, who married Homer Burns. Sufficient space was added to the original telephone office building to furnish living quarters for Ada Richardson Rowland, her daughter, and to Ada's crippled brother, Sherman Richardson, who made his home with his sister and helped on the telephone switch board.

The Finas Holden family lived about 200 yards west of Charlie Manning. Gilbert and Willie Belle are the two children.

Other families not heretofore mentioned but known to have resided in the area and for which almost no information was obtained are: The Arnolds; Burl Brothers, a Spanish American Veteran; Granville Bellenfant; Nickolas D. Bellenfant, who married Mattie Adelaide Cothran and became the ancestors of the Tenth District Bellenfants and Smiths; John Coursey, who had five sons and was a descendant of the Newt Coursey family that lived on the right of Concord Road at first turn, soon after the Civil War; Berry Chambless, whose wife was a Frost, lived on Mt. Pleasant Road; Walter Farris; Wilbur Floyd, whose children were Charlie, Margaret, Thelma and Lillie Ruth; Rob Free; Graham Gordon-Jessie Harrison family that moved to the area in 1928, raised a family, served as magistrate, and now lives on the Johnnie Jackson place which is part of the Hill grant, with children Lillian Guy, Charles Graham and Mildred Lee; B. Haley, whose son, Shirley, and grandson, Roger, now reside in Murfreesboro; Henry Hughes, who died of a heart attack in the Bob Jackson family front yard, and wife, Tempe; the Ann Hudson family; the Dudley Jones family, whose offspring were: Mary T., Alene, Virginia, Travis, Oliver and Delores;

the Earl McKnight family now live at the Read Place on Mt. Pleasant Road, a former county sheriff, with children: Delores, James Porter, Mary Ann and Angie; Will Mayhan; Pete Lamb; James Lyon, whose daughter is Sara Elizabeth; Will Little lived at the old toll gate house; the Looney family lived at south end of the Ditch Lane; the Lynch family; Dick Morris, wife, Dovie, and son, Robert, lived at the foot of the Versailles Knob on the west side; the J.W. Parsley family; the Pipe family; the Pope families - Jim Will, Clarence and Veternarian, Dr. Pope, lived on south side of the Versailles Knob; Vance Prater family, whose sons were Leroy and Warren; the Willie (Billie) Pucket family; Doc Rowland, whose wife was Lillie Mayhan and children: Ruth, Clay, Herbert; Joel Rowland family including daughter, Ruby Joe; the Robinson family; Noah Prince and Rainey Pinkerton, both bachelors. Noah is remembered, among others, as able to discuss the scriptures with Dr. John Garrett and Rainey for walking long distances in any direction; the Palmer Todd family lived first in Versailles and later on Snail Shell Cave Road with offspring: Palmer, Jr., Edwin, Thomas Raymond (Billie) and twins, Emalyn and Evelyn, now in Murfreesboro; Adam Taylor; Tom, Tinney and "Rooster" Underwood; Vernal Yealock.

Readers may recall others. The effort here was to name or list those families living in the District prior to or about 1900.

LIVING IN EARLY VERSAILLES By Carmine Jackson

"A man's work is from sun to sun;
A woman's work is never done."

This old saying was often repeated in the early days at Versailles and with good reason. During those long ago days, very few conveniences were in use for either men or women. Plowing the fields was done by using a turning plow, which, when pulled by a team of mules, guided by a man walking behind the plow, made only one furrow. This method required a long time to turn the soil in a large field. Disc harrows had not been invested. The rough soil turned by the plow must be pulverized by using heavy shop-made wooden harrows with iron spikes protruding through to the under side. A heavy shop-made wooden roller was pulled over the field to help break the clods of dirt. When at long last the field was ready, one furrow at a time was opened by a man, a mule, and a small plow going to a stake with a white flag on top placed in a straight line at the far end of the field. was used on the best sheets, pillow cases, and wearing

The grains of corn were dropped by hand into this open furrow. Hybrid corn was unknown. Slow maturing corn was planted in March or April to reach maturity before frost. All other farm work was equally crude and slow.

The women, who had no conveniences of their own, did their best to help and encourage the men. A most substantial early breakfast, cooked before the open fire-place or on a wood-burning stove, served by the light of candles or kerosene lamps, was provided so the men could begin work in the fields by sunrise. The work of the men was given first consideration because they were the sole bread winners. No woman worked away from home, but helped the men in every way possible, fitting her own work in as best she could.

Breakfast consisted of some kind of home produced meat, usually pork that had been salt cured, perhaps lye hominy made at home of dried corn, eggs supplied by the flock of chickens kept on the farm, a hot "hoe cake" of corn bread, hot biscuit, plenty of home churned butter, gravy, sorghum molasses that had been made on the farm, or jelly or preserves, all home made, coffee ground at home by hand, and milk. As soon as breakfast was over, the men hurried to the field while the women would do the morning chores: milking the cows, feeding the poultry, washing the dishes, making the beds, sweeping the rooms and porches, and planning and beginning preparation for another big meal, called "dinner" in mid-day. The strenuous work in the field, with the men walking untold miles, required much nourishment.

If it were wash day, which usually came on Monday, many buckets of water would be drawn from the well or brought from a near-by spring, poured into a large black iron wash kettle kept in the back yard, a wood fire built around this kettle to heat the water, and the washing operation began. Hot water would be dipped from the kettle into a wash tub called a piggin made of red cedar staves. The white clothes were washed first. Soft lye soap, made of lye dripped from wood ashes and boiled with meat scraps until all the water had evaporated, was used. The clothes were scrubbed up and down on a wooden board with metal ridges on the top side. After this scrubbing, the white clothes were boiled in the wash kettle to bleach and sterilize. The colored clothes were scrubbed, but not boiled, lest they fade. All the clothes were rinsed through two or more clear waters, wrung by hand, and hung on the clothes line to dry. Starch, made by boiling flour in water, was used on the best sheets, pillow cases, and wearing apparel. The day after wash day was devoted to ironing the

clothes by means of heavy sad-irons heated on top of an iron stove or before an open fire.

While some of the women were engaged with the washing, others had been preparing mid-day dinner. At 11:30 a bell, placed on top of a high pole in the yard, would be loudly rung to notify the men in the fields that dinner was ready. The mules were unhitched, given water and feed, while the men went to the house. A bucket of fresh water and several wash pans were on a shelf on the back porch; as yet plumbing was unknown. The men would wash faces and hands, comb and brush their hair, and gather around the dinner table. This meal was really abundant and considered the main meal of the day. There usually was plenty of meat, three or four vegetables, hot corn bread and hot biscuit, perhaps, home-baked corn lightbread of wheat lightbread, home-made pickles, with freshly baked dessert of pies or cake or fruit. Always a pitcher of sweet milk and a pitcher of buttermilk would be placed near the mother's seat at the table. It was taken for granted that everyone drank milk; individual preference was asked whether sweet milk or buttermilk. Iced tea was unknown. As the meal progressed, the empty milk glasses were passed for refilling, even to three or four times. As a rule, the men were jovial and laughed and joked each other as they ate. After about an hour's rest, they hurried back to the fields to work until sunset. Quite often food was left from mid-day dinner to be nejoyed at supper with addition of freshly cooked meat and bread. After a day such as this, bedtime came early; nine o'clock was considered late. The day was divided into three parts; morning, evening (now called "afternoon"), and night. After dinner was over and the dishes washed, there was often visiting among the women, especially those who lived with easy walking distance. However, they returned home for the night chores before darkness settled in.

Diversion was limited as there were no telephones, radios, televisions, and only an occasional newspaper. Reading books was very popular as was all forms of music in the home. The young people had frequent parties, picnics and hayrides, always chaperoned. Often relatives would come unexpectedly on Saturday morning to stay until Sunday "evening" without having given previous notice. They knew they would be gladly received. Always extra food was prepared on Saturday with the expectation of company on Sunday. It was the custom to invite the preacher and friends to go home with you from church for Sunday dinner. During the winter, the women found great diversion and benefit in piecing quilts, sewing, and all kinds of fancy work.

This lack of diversion resulted in monotony for the farm woman. One welcome way of breaking this day-to-day monotony was to have a neighbor come in unexpectedly to spend the day or the night or to share a meal. Neighbors were very friendly and lived much like one big family. Often the ladies would gather in a home to spend the day quilting or the men would have a log rolling to build a new house. Husking bees were also popular when both men and women gathered in a corn crib to pull the shucks from all the corn. There was great merriment when a pretty girl would pull the shuck from an ear of red corn; every one claimed the right to kiss her.

It was always delightful to have a Pack Peddler knock at the door. A Pack Peddler was a strange man, usually small in stature with a foreign look and accent, who would walk from house to house, carrying a pack of merchandise securely strapped to his shoulders. The pack contained many small desirable items such as needles, pins, buttons, thread, gloves, cloth, embroidery -- articles women wanted but who had small opportunity for frequent trips to a store. This pack could be replenished from a stock of merchandise securely locked in storage in a nearby town. This slow one man walking method of salesmanship was replaced by one man traveling in a horse-drawn buggy. An example of this was a peddler by the name of Katz, who drove an enormous horse, said to weigh 2000 lbs. About 1920-1935, Emery Covington operated a horse-drawn covered spring wagon constructed to hold much merchandise. Both driver and faithful horse, "Old Bob", were known and loved by all the customers served day by day and week by week. One feature of especial interest on the Covington Peddling Wagon was the egg candler used to test each egg for freshness. Price Smotherman operated a similar wagon from the Store at Versailles -- later Rockvale. As Price Smotherman approached the home of each customer, he would blow loud and long on a bugle to announce his arrival. As seems the way of progress, the one-horse covered wagons, which were in reality complete miniature stores on wheels. One such wagon was that driven by Phinder Burt from the Henry Burt Store at Concord and later Rockvale.

Although Puckett Store was located across the Tenth District line it projected itself into the Versailles area by means of a peddling wagon. This vehicle was a large, very substantial covered wagon with a door and steps at the back. There were shelves built inside and every inch of space was used to advantage to carry articles that customers might want. If a need could not be supplied this week, it would be delivered on the next trip around. Alf Hudson was a driver and clerk. The peddler not only sold merchandise, but also bought farm products, such as eggs, chickens and butter.

About 1917, when the Rutherford County Creamery was established in Murfreesboro and cream separators came into general use, the men became interested in dairying, realizing that milk is a cash crop. Dairy herds were increased in size and men gradually took over the chore of milking. When tractors replaced mules and farm machinery for riding came into general use, farm work became less strenuous. The day to day living changed. A comparison of money value then and now may prove of interest.

Below are actual figures copied from old account books found in the Versailles area:

9 Nov. 1905	Walter Knight plowed 1 day \$.50
	Cynthia did the family washing	1.00
1 Jan. 1908	Newt Underwood rented the tenant	2.00
	house - per month	
4 May 1910	$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel Irish potatoes	.75
	24 pounds flour	1.05
20 June 1906	Kine Underwood - 1 gallon blackberries	.15
24 Aug. 1910	1 barrel flour	6.00
11 Nov. 1910	1 can salmon .10 - 1 pound cheese .10 - crackers .5	.25
27 Nov. 1910	1 loaf bread .10 - 1 can oysters .10 - crackers .5	.25
	1 pound coffee	.10
3 Oct. 1910	½ bushel corn meal	.45
21 Oct. 1909	50 pounds lard	6.25
	eggs - 1 dozen	.20
8 Nov. 1909	Steak .15 per pound - Roast .25 - Sausa	age20
3 Sept. 1909		4.00
1917	Firestone Tires 31 X $3\frac{1}{2}$ - \$12.50 smooth	polat
	tread, \$14.00 non-skid	
	the contract of the contract o	an-anidan
	Gray inner tubes, \$1.65 - Menzer spark .40 each	plugs
	Gray inner tubes, \$1.65 - Menzer spark .40 each Renewed subscription to News-Banner	plugs
	.40 each Renewed subscription to News-Banner	1.50
16 Oct. 1922	.40 each Renewed subscription to News-Banner Renewed subscript. to Nashville Banner	1.50
16 Oct. 1922 3 May 1915	.40 each Renewed subscription to News-Banner Renewed subscript. to Nashville Banner Cannon's Market, M'boro 100 lbs sugar	1.50
16 Oct. 1922 3 May 1915 15 Mar. 1935	.40 each Renewed subscription to News-Banner Renewed subscript. to Nashville Banner Cannon's Market, M'boro 100 lbs sugar Bought new buggy from C.B. Farris	1.50 3.00 4.80
16 Oct. 1922 3 May 1915 15 Mar. 1935 18 Feb. 1928	.40 each Renewed subscription to News-Banner Renewed subscript. to Nashville Banner Cannon's Market, M'boro 100 lbs sugar Bought new buggy from C.B. Farris	1.50 3.00 4.80 55.00
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The Smoke House in Early Versailles
Information from first-hand
actual experience of older residents.

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Day by day living in early Versailles would not be complete without a careful tour of the smoke house. The smoke house derived its name from the taste preference of persons who liked the taste of smoke on meat. The early settlers, who traveled on foot or by wagon train, shot wild animals for food. This meat was cooked over a campfire so, naturally, smoke reached and flavored the meat. The floor in the old smoke house was always the bare ground so a slow burning fire of hickory wood and corn cobs could be kindled on the floor and the smoke curl upward to the meat, which had been salt cured, and hung row after row above the fire. This smoking process continued day by day until the degree of smoke desired was obtained.

Besides a year's supply of salt cured pork--bacon, shoulders, and hams--there was also a barrel of homemade lye soap found in the smoke house.

There were other barrels and kegs and stone jars in the smoke house. One barrel was filled with a year's supply of sorghum molasses made during the fall from juice extracted from sorghum cane and boiled to the right consistency. Nearby was another barrel filled with apply cider vinegar. This was made from home-grown apples, which had been carefully washed, ground in a cider mill, and the juice pressed out, strained, and left to turn into vinegar. Two kegs stood nearby, one filled with sauerkraut made from cabbage grown in the vegetable garden; the other containing cucumbers preserved in a brine made by mixing water and salt in proper proportions. These cucumbers could be taken from the brine as needed, washed, soaked to remove the salt, and made into pickles, using the apple cider vinegar. Stone crocks (jars) were filled with home-made preserves, each jar set in a pile of wood ashes to prevent ants climbing into the jar to eat the sugar. At this time, sealed fruit jars and insecticides were unknown. Supermarkets and cash registers were also unknown. Each southern plantation was sufficient unto itself with a great variety of healthful, home-produced and home-preserved food.

Churning

The churning of milk was a major household chore in the days of early Versailles which is worthy of especial mention. Every family, at that point in time, kept at least one milk cow to supply the table with sweet milk.

buttermilk, and butter. Margarine and creamery butter were unknown.

The fresh milk, taken from the cows by hand, was brought into the kitchen in an open bucket, where it was strained through a metal strainer sold on the market for that especial purpose, or some house keepers strained through clean cotton cloth. The milk passed from the strainer into shiny tin buckets or into stone jars which had been carefully washed with lye soap, rinsed, scalded with boiling water, and aired in the sun. The jars were preferable to the buckets because they held heat better which would hasten the clabbering of the milk. Under normal conditions, which was about 70° Fahrenheit, the natural healthful bacteria in the milk would grow until the milk would thicken into a condition known as clabber. The cream had already risen to the top of the milk. During warm weather about thirty hours were required for this proces to be completed; then the milk was ready to be churned. There were many different types of churns. The oldest and most familiar is the cedar churn made of cedar staves firmly fitted together and held in place with brass hoops. A dasher was placed on one end of a long round wooden rod which reached from the bottom of the churn through a hole in the tight fitting lid. To move this dasher up and down, up and down many, many times would agitate the milk sufficiently for the globules of butter fat, which were in the cream, to stick together and make it possible to take the butter from the milk. The milk left in the churn was buttermilk, a slightly acid but a most healthful and satisfying drink. Many house keepers had such ample supplies of milk that some buttermilk was given to neighbors or fed to pigs or poultry. The butter, when taken from the churn, must have all the milk worked out by using a spoon or a woden paddle, washed in several cold waters, lightly salted, and molded into pound cakes, round, square, or oblong. Much experience was necessary to learn how to manage milk to bring it to the proper degree of temperature and acidity, especially during cold weather.

Some of the clabbered milk was made into cottage cheese; some of the fresh milk was made into American cheese. It required much time, energy, and experience to be successful with milk and milk products. The best way was from mother to daughter, but, rest assured, the results were most rewarding and well worth the time and effort.

Elections Elections

Election Day in Versailles and later Rockvale brought out most all of the men. Women stayed home until

about the time of World War II. After the Amendment was ratified giving women voting rights, a slow but sure increase in women at the polls took place.

Elections were held out in the open under one of the two huge oak trees on the south side of the store. There was no registration list until much later. A poll tax receipt was required for years. Prior to the poll tax requirement, a voter had to be a land owner. Not many blacks voted prior to the 1950's although this right existed for years.

To describe the scene is difficult. There were buggies, wagons, horseback riders, and later early model cars, coming and going all the time the polls were open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Election officers guarded the poll or voting box as though it were gold or some other precious metal. All day long groups of two or more were off away from others discussing the candidates and for whom to vote, the stronger trying to influence the weaker. Vote buying occurred but was not prevalent. Money or whiskey was used for this influence. It worked on a very few.

At Versailles the two Nance wives understood they had to prepare lunch (dinner) for several, especially the election officials, all of whom remained with the ballot box at all times.

During inclement weather, the voting moved inside the Versailles and Rockvale stores which made it most difficult for persons interested in plying a trade of voter influencing.

After the polls closed the election officials had to count the votes by hand and make two identical tallies for proof of accuracy. Afterwards the count, tally and the box were delivered to the county seat.

The two precincts have voted Democratic in most national elections though recently there is a Republican gain.

These two precincts have now been combined and the voting takes place at the Rockvale School.

Both the old system and the new system of larger precincts and voting machines worked and continue to function. Who is to say which is the better! Each was best in its time. The accuracy of the composite vote for the well-being of the local, state and national governments is

really what counts and these two precincts, compositely, vote for the well-being of our nation, each citizen in his own way.

Merchants

Frank M. Carlton erected the existing store building in the Rockvale Community in 1884. The first merchant was Andrew Jackson, followed by L. R. Hutcherson, H. P. Johns, T. F. Holden, Comer & Williams, T. P. Burns, Richard Williams (for 31 years), and then Paul Windrow.

The first Masonic building erected in 1890 and located across the road south, was and is a two story building. The Masons used the second floor and rented the first for a general store. It was first operated by Henry Turner & Son then by partners Will Smith and W. S. Winn. Henry Burt came next. This building burned in 1910. Burt moved on Highway 99 to a small building opposite the Snail Shell Cave Road entrance. This building was called "Pen Hook" and was on the Henry Manning farm. Previous to these moves, Mr. Burt had a stock of groceries and supplies in his home at Concord and operated a peddling wagon.

Also early in the 1900's, I. P. Burns and son, Roscoe, operated a store on the Jackson Ridge road near the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After his father's death, Roscoe continued the business until 1910. A post office drop point was in this two story building and Burns handled the mail. The office was known as "Everglade". Later the store was operated by Henry Kelton and High Johns.

In 1909 A. A. Scott operated the Concord General Store. He sold it to Price Smotherman. Some other owners who followed were Alf Carlton, Edgar Frost, Tom Williams, T. P. "Dock" Burns (three times), Richard Williams, Herman Clark and the John Hills. It is now closed (1982).

The store in the Second Masonic building completed in 1911, across from the first General Store, was operated by N.L. "Fang" Brown, then Jack and Sumner Holden, H. J. Nance, Rob Lamb and last by C. G. Bowling. This building was also destroyed by fire in 1934. The building was replaced immediately and Cecil Bowling continued operating the store until he retired in 1953.

Jim Cabler built a 20' X 50' store building on his property just west of the Masonic building and operated a store for about two years. This building was later annexed to the residence purchased by J.F. McGee.

The Fourth of July Picnic on the Rockvale School grounds has been more or less a day of "Homecoming" for former residents for more than fifty years. Most churches also have "homecoming" days in late summer and early fall.

THE ORAL LESLIE GEE FAMILY Furnished by Maude Gee Reeves

Charles Gee, the beginning of this history, said of Surry County, VA, married Hannah __? _. This Charles Gee is believed to have descended from around Manchester, England, most likely from the Stratford Branch. The names, "Charles, James and Henry Gee", first appeared there about 1500, and continued to recur in every generation at those places up to the time the Virginia immigrant (Gee) was born, probably in the period 1650-1670. The Charles and Hannah Gee children were James, Charles, Henry and Robert.

The second Charles Gee, pursued here, married Bridgett Neville, Daughter of John and Bridgett (Thomsley) Neville and had issue: John, James, Henry, Benjamin, Nevil, Jesse, William, Charles, Elizabeth and Penelope.

Nevil Gee, followed here as the third generation, married ? Lucas, born 1729 in Lunenburg or Sussex County, VA area, and their issue were: Charles, Nancy, Jesse, James, Amey, William, George, Lucas, Neavel, James and Reuben.

This Neavel married 19 July 1797, Elizabeth Andrews, born Mecklenburg Co., VA, daughter of George Andrews. The children were: William Oliver, Alfred, Claiborne, Neavel and George.

William Oliver Gee (son of Neavel), died 1840, in Maury Co., TN, married Nancy Knott, 10 Oct. 1821. She died in 1876, in Williamson Co. Issue of 7 children: Sallie Ann Gee; Margueritta Gee; Roberta Gee, who married Lea Smithson; James Lucas Gee, a Confederate soldier; Andrew Barton Gee (also a Confederate soldier, mortally wounded in battle at Chickamauga); William Knott Gee and George Gee (killed by rock thrown in play by a brother).

James Lucas Gee, son of William Oliver, born 13 July 1829 in Maury Co., TN, died 26 May 1896, enlisted 27 May 1861, in Confederate army from Nashville, for three years, served under Captain P. G. Smithson's Co. D, 20th Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers. He became orderly Sergeant

and was wounded in the shoulder at Battle of Murfreesboro. Later he became 1st Sergeant and then 3rd Lieutenant and fought in Battle of Nashville, captured at Shys Hill and sent by train to military prison in Louisville, KY, and after five days ending 20 Dec. 1864, was transferred to Johnsons Island out in Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio. He walked the three miles to the Island on the ice. Attempts to escape were unsuccessful and rations were reduced. The Confederate Museum at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1969, reveals that Johnsons Island is now inaccessible, privately owned, and the cemetery only remains. The State of Georgia furnished grave markers for each prisoner buried there. However, James Lucas Gee survived, took oath of allegiance to the United States, 16 June 1865, and returned home on foot. He married 2 Jan. 1873, Sallie Ann Elizabeth Smithson, daughter of Clement and Mary Ann (Smithson) Smithson (11 Sept. 1843-26 Dec. 1915). The family lived on a 70-acre farm in the Peytonville Community (13th District) of Williamson County, raised four children and are buried on the home place. The children were:

- 1. Frank Lavender Gee (1 Nov. 1874-22 June 1940), graduate of Southern Law College, employed by L & N Railroad in Nashville, married 15 July 1917, Nona Mai Ham, no children, spent latter years at parents' home place as owner.
- 2. Ola Mai Gee (17 Dec. 1876-Sept. 1944), married E. C. Ladd, a carpenter and farmer in Peytonville area. Issue: James Archie (Pete) Ladd, died 1968, a soldier in U.S. Army in France during WWII.
- 3. James Larry Gee (7 July 1880-7 Feb. 1947), married Louise Thompson, employed by L & N Railroad in Nashville, later returned to Williamson County. Issue: a daughter that died an infant.
- 4. Orell Leslie (Doc) Gee (3 Apr. 1883, Williamson Co.,-3 Oct. 1970), was head of the only Gee family in the Tenth District of Rutherford Co., having moved his family to a 220 acre farm, in Nov. 1917, near Jackson Ridge Church where the family lived for 53 years, (known as the Ivy P. Burns homeplace).

Prior to moving to the Jackson Ridge area, "Doc" studied his brother's law library, developed a zest for reading, served two terms as constable in Peytonville Community, farmed and cared for his invalid mother. "Doc" married 29 Oct. 1911, Sallie Sue Rieves, born 24 Mar. 1890, in the 10th Dist. of Rutherford Co. She was the daughter of Ira Owen Rieves and Rebecca (Hayes) McDaniel Rieves. Both "Doc" Gee and wife, Sally Sue Rieves are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Franklin. A

quiet, outstanding, independent, respected citizen and hard-working family, their children are:

Alma Hannah Gee (8 Mar. 1916-19 Feb. 1957), married James F. Hendrix of Summitville, and buried at Mt. Hope in Franklin.

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Sallie Frances Gee, b. 23 Apr. 1917, first married . broub David Frank Parker, Doweltown, TN, and second married Apr. 1981, Frank Waller of Brentwood, TN. No children, she was a seamstress.

James Lavender Gee, b. 1 Apr. 1919, served in Europe during WWII, retired from General Motors in Detroit after 30 years, married Elma Ruth McBee, daughter of Robert and Lula (Jolly) McBee, of Shelbyville. Issue: Bobby Gerald Gee, Rebecca Gee, Patricia Sue Gee and Jimmy Dwight Gee. and al d.

Owen Lucas Gee (4 Dec. 1920-6 Oct. 1926), and is buried at the James Lucas Gee homeplace in on Country, buried at the James Lucas Gee

Williamson Co.

Ola Elizabeth Gee, b. 24 May 1924, retired from e. General Motors Corp., Anderson, Ind., after 36 years service; married 24 Jan. 1953, Lloyd Boone, b. 7 Sept. 1924, Hamilton Co., Ind., son of Ward and Ruby (Stansbury) Boone. Issue 2 children: Bryan Leslie Boone and Vicki Sue Boone, now in

Marion Co., Ind.

Maude Thompson Gee, b. 21 Oct. 1925, eight generations from Charles Gee of Surry Co., VA, as are all the issue of "Doc" Gee, employed by Veterans Administration in Murfreesboro; now resides at the old home place west of Jackson Ridge, the only Gee that remained in Tenth District of Rutherford Co. Maude Gee married James P. Reeves, b. 16 Apr. 1929, son of Owen Franklin and Mabel (Owens) Reeves, Oxford, AR, retired from army and presently is Chief of Police for Eagleville, TN. There are no children. Maude, Police for respected and loved by all, has been chiefly responsible for keeping the Jackson Ridge C. P. Church in existence and active. All are proud and pleased with her activities in this endeavor. 's law library, developed a zest for

THE AMOS MCKINLEY WHEELER FAMILY By Gladys Farris

The Wheeler family came to Rutherford Co. about 1800 on a land grant. As the children grew, some moved into Bedford Co. where Amos was born in 1901.

One of the sons, Thomas, b. 1790, in S.C., married Ca. 1808, Martha Miller, a sister to Nathaniel Miller, buried in the Beasley Church Cemetery on Franklin-Murfreesboro Rd. The Miller children were orphans of Joseph Miller of England. They had children: John W. Wheeler, William B. Wheeler, Anna M. Wheeler, Nathaniel Miller Wheeler, Mary B. Wheeler, David Jones Wheeler, and Jessie M. Wheeler.

Nathaniel M. Wheeler (25 Sept. 1815-5 Mar. 1894) married Mary Pressgrove (16 Oct. 1814-13 Oct. 1877), daughter of Andrew and Anna B. Pressgrove of Bedford Co. Issue: Zelphia Wheeler, Michael Wheeler, Fannie Wheeler, Temperence Wheeler, Darling Wheeler, Pinkney Wheeler, Loutishe Wheeler, Cancissioda Wheeler, Mary Caldonia Wheeler. Nathaniel married second, Rody Russell and had one child, Nannie Wheeler.

Darling Wheeler (11 Aug. 1851-7 Feb. 1940) married 30 Nov. 1871, Chloe Tennessee Potts (30 Dec. 1855-21 June 1916). Chloe was the granddaughter of Thomas and Ruthie Hendrix Jackson and the great-granddaughter of Francis and Elizabeth Childress Jackson of Versailles. Issue: Ruthie Isabelle Wheeler, Riley Jennings Wheeler, Mary Caldonia Wheeler, Leola Wheeler, George Miller Wheeler.

Riley Jennings Wheeler (28 Feb. 1875-29 Mar. 1954) married 2 Aug. 1894, Margaret Elizabeth Green (22 Aug. 1875-29 Feb. 1940), daughter of Samuel Moses and Sarah Pinkerton Green. They resided in Eagleville from 1906 until their deaths. Riley had a grocery store and went about the countryside with his peddling wagon. Issue: Jeannette Gertrude Wheeler, Amos McKinley Wheeler.

Amos McKinley Wheeler (19 Sept. 1901-30 Mar. 1982), married 24 July 1921, Effie Frances Davis (27 July 1895-14 May 1982), daughter of James Thomas and Phebe Ann King Davis (See Gillespie family). Issue: Gladys Ann Wheeler, Ruby Elizabeth Wheeler.

Amos hauled rails by wagon to Murfreesboro and Shelbyville. He continued at this until 1924 when he joined Owen Tobacco Factory in Eagleville. In 1930 he purchased a farm near Versailles and from 1930-1934 drove a school bus

to Rockvale High School. From 1934 until his death he was a full-fledged farmer.

Gladys Ann Wheeler, b. 17 Mar. 1923, married 20 Apr. 1946, Lemuel Fount Farris, b. 14 Aug. 1921 (See Farris family). Issue: Shirley Frances Farris, b. 11 Sept. 1949, married 16 Oct. 1976, Paul Williams Nelson with issue - Clifford Fount Nelson, b. 10 Sept. 1978; Deborah Elizabeth Wheeler, b. 31 July 1954, married 28 July 1972, Willie Herman Bryant, with issue - David Michael Bryant, b. 25 Jan. 1978, and Clint Farris, b. 30 Jan. 1982.

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